

HOME NEWS

Consultants call truce in dispute over proposed contracts

By John Roper Medical Reporter

An uneasy truce in which hospital consultants have given the Government three weeks to change their proposed contract so that it gives them more independence was reached yesterday between Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, and the profession.

about a state monopoly; and the imposition of a salaried service.

Mrs Castle said after the three-hour meeting that the policy had never included the abolition of private practice or the imposition of a state monopoly in the hospital service.

New step in screening for genetic disorders

By Pearce Wright Science Correspondent

An important stride in the development of a method for screening large populations for a wide range of genetic disorders has been made by a special unit of the Medical Research Council.

It carries vital implications for genetic counselling of parents at risk of having disabled children and for early diagnosis of antenatal defects; for monitoring for diseases, including some cancers, induced by damage to cells by pollution from heavy metals such as lead and cadmium or radioactive fall-out and exposure to X-rays; for detecting infertility originating in a genetic abnormality, and other conditions.

The advance embraces the results of research from teams involving about 150 doctors, scientists and technicians at the council's clinical and population cytogenetics unit, Edinburgh, in collaboration with the Department of Human Genetics, Edinburgh University. Methods for fingerprinting the pattern of chromosomes, and the genes they carry, within cells are among the discoveries that have been absorbed by one of the groups working on a so-called automated pattern recognition machine.

Opera house closes for duration of dispute

By Kenneth Gosling

There are to be no further performances by the English National Opera Company at the London Coliseum until a settlement has been reached in the dispute with stage and technical staff who belong to the National Association of Theatrical and Kine Employees.

Radio staff dismissed: Mr John Whimpey, managing director of Capital Radio, whose financial situation has led to the decision to dismiss 28 of the staff, said yesterday that discussions had been taking place for some time to find a way out of the station's financial difficulties.

The dispute started when 46 of the stage staff were dismissed on Tuesday over the abandonment of a performance of The Bassarids on the previous Thursday. The rest of the staff has since been on strike.

Capital Radio is the London commercial entertainment station. The redundancies would close its news operation, and that service would then come by direct land line from London Broadcasting, the news station, for which Capital pays £98,000 a year.

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Developments of a fast procedure for routine diagnosis might transform a part of medicine in which difficulties are increasing. The research centre, which is one of the leading genetic research groups in the world, was established originally to assess the effects of radiation exposure in man, with particular emphasis on causes of leukaemia. Some early dramatic discoveries identified the importance of abnormalities initiated by damage to the chromosomes. Research was extended into many other aspects of chromosomes in influencing health and disease.



Mr John Henson at the plough pulled by oxen on his farm near Guiting Power, Gloucestershire.

Demonstrations against the import of Irish cattle may deteriorate into greater disruption and violence unless the Government acts soon

From Trevor Fishlock Holyhead

There is still enough good humour, common sense and respect for the law among Welsh farmers to prevent their anger from being translated into really large-scale disruption and violence. But as winter's grip hardens, their patience wears thinner by the day.

This week Holyhead has rung to the shouts and cheers of farmers; some have fought with policemen guarding the docks, some were in the unrelentingly beaten back by policemen wielding truncheons, some took part in the blocking of the London to Holyhead railway line.

One of the farmers who took part in the demonstrations said: "I never imagined I would be out demonstrating on the street. I used to think demos were something you saw on television. I reckon many farmers are really rather timid and shy men. Yet here they are confronting the police, blocking railways and even lying down on the line."

But these are desperate times. I am up in the hills and I have not enough feed to feed the cattle after Christmas. I shall have to have them slaughtered and tighten my belt until the spring.

"A lot of farmers are at the end of their tether", Mr George Beaton, a young Anglesey farmer, said yesterday, "and if Fred Peart carries on fiddling while Rome burns some of them will not be able to hold their anger down. They will lash out. The militant minority have so far been largely restrained by the moderate majority, and I count myself as a moderate."

Mr Peter Rogers, who farms 180 acres in Anglesey, said: "Anger has changed everything. The Government urged us to get out of milk production and into beef. Then they messed it up. The market has collapsed, our guarantees have gone and

we have to sell at a loss. The harvest was terrible and hay is up to £80 a ton, if you can get it. For many farmers there is the real prospect of bankruptcy. My father-in-law remembers farming in the depression. He says things are much worse for us now. I want Irish farmers to understand that we have nothing against them. But we are victims of colossal mismanagement and we have to find some way of hitting back. Although Welsh farmers, apart from routine grumbles, have a long tradition of being quiet men, there are historical precedents for direct action. In the last century the tithes wars caused trouble in the countryside and in the 1840s the Rebecca rioters, farmers disguised as women and calling themselves the Daughters of Rebecca, tore down tollgates in their rage at social and economic conditions.

Our Political Staff writes: Mr Emyln Hooson, QC, Liberal spokesman on agriculture, has written to the Prime Minister asking him to intervene effectively and decisively to end the crisis in the livestock farming industry and suggesting three possible solutions. The first would be the introduction of a temporary basis of the EEC intervention price system. The second possibility would be the introduction, again on a temporary basis, of a guaranteed price system. That would operate until March 1, when Mr Hooson hoped agreement would be reached with the EEC on a new system. The third solution would be the addition of a supplement to the slaughter premium, in order that the overall level of returns to producers should be achieved parity with the remaining members of the EEC. Police watch: More than a hundred uniformed policemen were on duty at Birkenhead yesterday when 500 farmers from all parts of north-west England and North Wales demonstrated against imports of Irish cattle (The Press Association reports).

Snatched baby found in lift at hotel

Lara Devlin, aged nine months, who was snatched from outside a London post office yesterday, was later found unharmed in a lift at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, City of London. The girl, of the Warren Street, London, who was taken away at Forest Gate, was later reunited with her mother.

Mr Whitelaw says that Ulster civil war would drag in British cities

British cities would be dragged in if full-scale civil war broke out in Northern Ireland, Mr Whitelaw, the Conservative Party chairman, said yesterday. Mr Whitelaw, formerly Secretary of State for Ulster, said that withdrawal of British troops from the province would be a "considerable moral disgrace" because of the loss of life it would cause.

Provisional IRA for the death of Mr Hugh Conroy, who was killed this week during a mass escape from the Maze prison (Christopher Walker writes from Belfast). Death notices say he was a lieutenant in A Company of the Provisionals' East Tyrone battalion. It is widely feared that there will be emotional reaction at the elaborate funeral planned for the dead man.

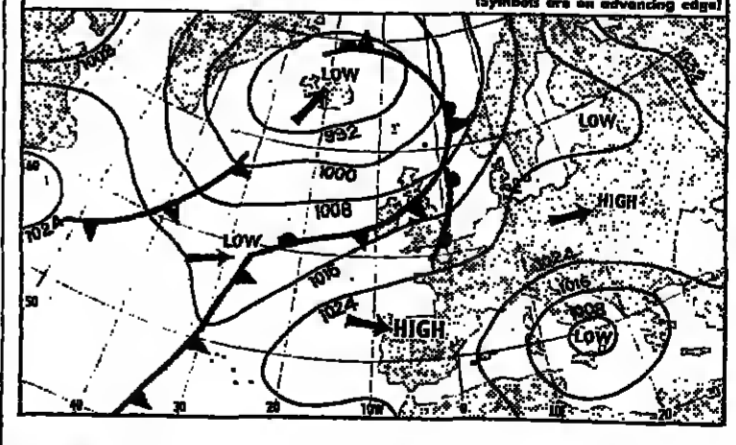
In republican areas throughout Ulster, bitter and angry protests against his death have continued. Many Catholics are convinced that he was unarmed when challenged and shot by soldiers in a guard hut just outside the Maze compound. Some businesses have already closed, and closures on a wider scale are planned in Roman Catholic districts. In Belfast many hakers, factories, a brewery and shops in the republican areas will remain closed all day today. The planned strike will not be as crippling as those staged in the past by various loyalist groups.

Mr Scargill rejects plea on pit productivity scheme

In reply, Mr Scargill said: "My advice to Mr Clarke is: stop misleading the union. Stop acting on behalf of the coal board. Follow the line of the national executive and support the union's policy. We should all be recommending rejection of the scheme. I am confident that the members in every coalfield, including Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire, will vote overwhelmingly no and reject the board's scheme."

Yorkshire NUM leaders are mounting an immense publicity campaign to persuade the coalfield's 65,000 pitmen to vote against the package. Large posters bearing a black cross dripping with blood, and arguing that there will be "more blood on the coal" if the incentive proposals are implemented, are being distributed to the pits, and an intensive campaign of leaflets, pithead meetings and mass gatherings of branch officials are being held in advance of the ballot on November 13-14.

Weather forecast and recordings



Today Sun rises: 7.5 am Sun sets: 4.22 pm Moon rises: 12.4 am Moon sets: 1.34 pm Light moon November 14. High water: London Bridge, 7.26 am, 8.2m (20.2ft); 8.18 pm, 6.6m (20.9ft). Avonmouth, 12.58 am, 10.6m (34.8ft); 1.30 pm, 10.5m (34.6ft); 8.3 am, 8.5m (27.9ft); 5.53 pm, 5.5m (18.0ft). Hull, 12.37 pm, 6.2m (20.2ft). Liverpool, 8.24 am, 7.5m (23.8ft); 5.51 pm, 7.5m (24.7ft). Troughs of low pressure will move E over the British Isles. Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: London, SE, central S England, E. rain; S, sun, S, snow.

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Table with weather reports for various cities including London, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Belfast, listing temperature, wind, and cloud conditions.

Sir Alec will return to Lords as a life peer

By Our Political Staff

Sir Alec Douglas-Home is to return to the House of Lords as a life peer after renouncing his hereditary peerage when he became Prime Minister in October, 1963.

The announcement of his peerage was made from Downing Street last night. Baroncy has been conferred upon him in recognition of many years of outstanding public service as a member both of the House of Commons and a minister and as a Minister.

Although it has been a tradition to offer an earldom to a former Prime Minister, the peerage to be a member of the House of Commons, that is not possible in the case of Sir Alec. The Peerage Act, 1963, precludes the subsequent conferment of a hereditary title upon anybody who has claimed inherited titles at that Act.

The formal recommendation to the Queen for the conferment of a life peerage of Alec was made by the Prime Minister with the full knowledge and approval of Mr H. H. House of Commons. Sir Alec did not stand candidate for the Kinross West Perthshire constituency in the October general election.

When Sir Alec became a Minister, in succession to Macmillan, in October, 1963, he was the fourth earl of Home. He disclaimed all titles and contested the by-election at Kinross on November 13. As Lord Home he had Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs from July, 1960, Lord President of the Council and leader of the House of Lords from 1957. He was Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations from 1955 to 1959.

As Lord Dunsley, he was MP for South Lanark from 1945, when he succeeded the earldom. Sir Alec was Parliamentary Secretary to Mr Chamberlain, 1935-40, Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office in the 1945 caretaker government. He was Minister of State at the Scottish Office, 1951-55.

A Staff Reporter writes: Alec Douglas-Home explained last night that he had to accept the Prime Minister's invitation to become a life peer because "I was very clear I could go on being useful a time".

Speaking in his flat in Kingston, Sir Alec said: "I thought it was a bit early to myself off entirely from the situation. I am committed in the next year or two to bound to interest me a situation like the devolution of power to Scotland and the non of Britain's place in Europe. I may be able to myself useful by remaining in the political scene, though of course, as actively as I past."

Sir Alec has not yet decided what title to take, and is to talk the matter over with the Lyon King of Arms chief herald in Scotland.

Sir Alec agreed that wheel had come full circle. "But not just for me. I succeeded to the original in 1951, Scottish nation was rampant, and my appointment as Minister of State at the Scottish Office dealt with it. Now here we are taking a new age, and fish nationalism is rife again."

Double murder charged

Keith Turner, aged 21, Windburgh Drive, Crumvie Northumberland, accused murdering his mother, Georgina Turner, aged 45, sister, Karen, aged 18, was taken in custody on Tuesday by magistrates at E Northumberland, yesterday.

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criminal and violent, when examined carefully in relation to crime data in police returns and the demographic data on the population is found to be a public myth.

offenders convicted of robbery had no previous convictions for violent crime, although a substantial minority had previously been convicted of theft and other offences against property.

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alarming picture of school... violence and... among pupils in... schools has been... by some teachers who... all-in education.

Rebels at Clay Cross attack proposals

From David Leigh Clay Cross... Despite the parliamentary storm over their activities, the former councillors of Clay Cross, Derbyshire, are entirely unrepentant about their attempts to bring about socialism in one urban district.

of this new information that has come out... We regarded the removal of his disqualification with little enthusiasm although he said that if the Clay Cross Labour Party wished him to stand again he would.

Slimmers owed £150,000 by group, meeting told

The My Fair Lady Slimming Clinic Group has a deficiency of £400,000, it was stated at a meeting at Winchester House, City of London, yesterday. Hundreds of women who signed on with the group are owed about £150,000, it was stated, and as unsecured creditors they have no chance of being repaid.

Budget debate extended

The Government has agreed, under Opposition pressure, to extend next week's Budget debate in the Commons from two days to three. Mr Healey will open his Budget at about 3.30 pm on Tuesday, and the debate will continue until 10 pm on Thursday.

Commons TV debate

The House of Commons will debate the broadcasting and televising of its proceedings before the Christmas recess, Mr Short, Leader of the House, announced yesterday.

London council may build office block

London council the London council most vociferously opposed further office development may itself decide to build an office block in Euston near to St Pancras Station, site is part of more than 50 which the council is to buy from British Rail.

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Birmingham birth rate still above average

Arthur Osmao Birmingham Birmingham's birth rate remains above the national average though it has been dropping in the past six years. Figures show that the city has 14.3 in 1,000 population compared with the provisional average for England and Wales.

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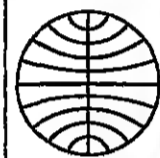
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Hour's chat, and then they would say: Give me my job now, please Mercy killings admitted by retired surgeon

By Martin Huckerby
A retired Scottish surgeon, Mr George Mair, said yesterday that he had carried out a series of mercy killings on incurable patients, stretching over a period of years.
He could not give a precise figure for the number of times he had conducted euthanasia, saying that such things were "very traumatic" and thus the mind tended to block them out. But he emphasized that it was always done at the patient's initiative.



Mr Mair: "Necessary to speak out."

While it has been known that individual doctors have illegally conducted euthanasia, Mr Mair's admission that he carried out such mercy killings over a long period is certain to revive the controversy about whether euthanasia should be legalized.
Mr Mair, speaking at his home in Old Polmont, Strathgairne, said he had first seen euthanasia practised when he went to a hospital in the Midlands as a young doctor, and found his seniors carrying it out from time to time.
"I was young and ingenuous and presumed that under English law this might be legal, since people of impeccable character were carrying this out in selected circumstances," Mr Mair said.
He emphasized that those doctors always used three criteria in such cases, and that he had always followed those criteria when he carried out euthanasia.
"The diagnosis had to be established by more than two consultants; the patient had to be so lamentably ill, and in such a pathetic state, and had failed to respond to any form of treatment for a significant period of time, that their joy of living had been destroyed; the patients themselves took the initiative in asking for this."

Mr Mair said the initiative always had to come from the patient. It has been suggested that all too often in such cases it was the relatives who pressed for euthanasia, but he said: "I never paid any attention to relatives."
He added that he never discussed the decision with relatives: "It was the patient's decision; it was a private act." He said they were courageous people who had come to a decision. "I would see them and we would have tea or coffee beforehand. We would probably discuss it for maybe an hour and then they would say 'Give me my job now, please.'"
"I was not troubled by guilt. I believed that he had relieved the suffering of those people. He had no doubt that a significant number of other doctors were involved in euthanasia. 'It's okay so long as you are not found out.' But he believed that it was necessary to speak

out, although he thought he was certain to be condemned by the medical establishment."
He had not considered the possibility of prosecution for what he had done until it was raised yesterday morning. "I cannot say I am worried, though I very much hope that nothing like that will happen," he said.
Mr Mair, aged 60, said he did not want to give too many details of the mercy killings he had carried out but "it is not a small number."
He had practised euthanasia throughout his career as regular intervals, but he felt that to give details would only distract attention away from the principle that he believed was important: the benefits that euthanasia could bring in certain cases.
Euthanasia could be carried out either by withholding drugs that would otherwise prolong life, or by administering enormous injections to those in constant pain. He thought it was terrible to keep alive medically people who were vegetable.
Mr Mair was in practice as a surgeon from 1939 to 1953, and then went into general practice in the North of England. He retired from medicine in 1968 and is now a writer and lecturer. He has written 19 books.
In a book, *Confessions of a Surgeon*, which is published next week, Mr Mair says: "I still consider that euthanasia, conducted without making a major production out of it, is the ideal end-point for many types of terminal illness, including many conditions other than cancer."
"It was, of course, completely illegal and totally unethical, but I still say that it was merciful to the people concerned. It saved them weeks or months of pain, worry and possibly even fear."
Mr Mair describes the case of a woman in her forties who was not expected to live more than a few months and was already

In brief

Date set for corruption case

The trial of four men charged with corruption offences involving John Poulson, the former architect, and T. Dan Smith will begin at Leeds Crown Court in January, it was announced yesterday.
The four are Councillor Colin Dews, of Glebe Street, Castleford; Councillor Tom Roebuck, of Elm Road, Mexborough, both Yorkshire; Albert Roy Radwin, of St Thomas Square, Newcastle upon Tyne; and Peter Ward, of the Old Orchard, Rothbury, Northumberland.

Factory murder charge

Jack Smith, aged 63, of Belfield Road, Northampton, was remanded in custody for eight days by Northampton magistrates yesterday, charged with murdering Roger Tipping, aged 34, a factory manager, who died in a shooting incident at his works last month.

Homes saved from road

The remaining six-mile section of the proposed Lee Valley Route, from the North Circular Road, Walthamstow, to Stratford, has been abandoned because it would have meant destroying 150 homes.

School buildings closed

Parts of 11 schools in Northamptonshire have been closed for repairs because surveys have shown that suspect cement was used in their construction.

Sir Geoffrey Howe urges Tories to rally to new 'Set the people free' battle-cry

By Geoffrey Smith
Political Staff
Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Conservative spokesman on the social services, looked forward last night to the situation that the party chairman expects to face in the next election. While giving a warning that the party must not appear only as the champion of the hard-pressed middle classes, he saw the task as being more complex than simply recapturing the allegiance of industrial working families.
"We have been losing strength on more or less the same scale with almost every section of the electorate," Sir Geoffrey told London University Conservative Association.
He may therefore be thought to have kept his distance from both Mr Walker and Mrs Thatcher. Sir Keith Joseph may note the comment that "there are difficulties in simultaneously making a virtue of accepting the realities of human nature and yet claiming to be the only champions of morality."
The essence of Sir Geoffrey's speech was that it was an examination of the party's philosophy and policy, not its leadership. He foresees a period of greatly intensified state intervention and control, from which the country will need deliverance. So he would like to see Conservatives rallying to the Churchillian battle-cry of the early 1950s: "Set the people free."
Sir Geoffrey said: "I am in no doubt that it must be one

of the principal tasks of the Conservative Party to challenge the principles and oppose the policies of socialism. Such outright opposition does not naturally appeal to the British instinct for compromise. Yet most socialists are unwilling to compromise, save only about the pace of the socialist revolution."
He looked forward, in effect, to an anti-socialist crusade behind the Conservative banner. Their appeal would have to be broad enough "to make it natural, and indeed inevitable, for people like Christopher Mayhew and Dick Taverne to transfer their allegiance to the Conservatives instead of to the indeterminate centre". That might seem a somewhat ambitious objective, but Sir Geoffrey made it clear that the campaign would not be confined to economic matters.
In economics there would be an emphasis on the virtues of profits and of competition. Monetary policy would be an essential, long-term, strategic weapon against inflation. "If that is wrong, then nothing else will come right." But monetary policy would not be enough.
Beyond that the campaign would be to set the people free from excessive government and an encroaching bureaucracy. Judgment on the performance: joining in the Conservative Party's soul-searching on leadership and policy, Mr John Biffen, MP for Oswestry, said at Kensington last night that many former Tories deserted the party because of policies closely associated with the former Conservative government.
Mr Biffen, who at one time was closely associated with Enoch Powell but who is no substantial figure of what is loosely called the economic right of the party, said Walker last weekend had criticized the contemporary role performance of free enterprise but turned an obliging Newt eye to the shortcomings of politicians.
Mr Biffen dismissed as a belief that voters were frightened because Mr He was telling the truth in the election campaign. "Their decision is a judgment on economic and government performance between 1970 and 1974," said. "There were three marks of Conservative government that discouraged traditional supporters, and each instance we must try to constructively on how to re their support and enthusiasm for the Conservative cause was the political cult of the relentless pursuit of economic growth, and the cease tinkering with institutions."
In the name of economic growth the Conservative government embarked on def financing "on a scale unprecedented in peacetime and inflationary consequences were both predictable and dire". It was foolish to pose that it need not disturb working-class Tories, cause it ran counter to instincts on the virtue of stability.

Ecumenical good will for Catholic bishop at synod

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent
In a spectacular demonstration of ecumenical good will, the General Synod of the Church of England yesterday pronounced spontaneous standing ovations yesterday to the first Roman Catholic bishop to be invited to take part in the synod's proceedings.
The Right Reverend Alan Clark, Catholic Bishop of Ely, was welcomed and co-chairman of the Anglican Roman Catholic International Theological Commission, had addressed the synod at length on the significance of the two historic agreements, on the Eucharist and on the ministry, which the commission has produced so far.
He saw the synod vote unanimously in favour of a resolution welcoming the agreements, and commending them for study at all levels in the church. By that resolution, the governing body of the Church of England went as far as possible in endorsing the terms of the agreements, and acknowledging them as generally compatible with Anglican doctrine.
Some detailed reservations were expressed during the

debate, but none of the speakers had anything less than a warm welcome for both agreements. One speaker suggested that quite apart from their importance to the ecumenical movement, the agreements were good enough to be used for the instruction of Confirmation candidates.
Mgr Clark said the agreements pointed the way to re-examination of the recognition of Anglican orders by Rome, but that would have to await progress on the third important topic being considered by the international commission, that of authority within the church.
"I have said that our goal is consensus of faith," he said. "This is the immediate purpose, but there is a deeper and profounder content to what we are doing. For what will emerge at the end of the day, if we respond to the grace of God, is a picture, however imperfectly drawn, of what we profess to be the Church of Christ. This is the fundamental consensus we are seeking. If we have done our work well, then all of us, wherever we are, will have to face the charge: why then do we remain divided?"

Flixborough victims to share £50,000

Victims of the disaster which ravaged the works of Nypro UK Ltd, at Flixborough, Humberside, in June, killing 28 employees, are to share £50,000.
The money was given to the fund launched by the Mayor of Glaston, Councillor George Hawson, and he said yesterday that it would now be distributed.
Adult dependants of people killed are to receive £1,000 each, and children £500, with additional provision in cases of special hardship. Those incapacitated will get £1,000, and injured people who are now recovering £200.

Working party on disabled asks for suggestions

Lord Snowden, chairman of the working party on integration of the disabled, has appealed to disabled people who feel they are at a disadvantage compared with the able-bodied to come forward with suggestions for overcoming their disadvantages.
The working party was set up by Action Research for the Crippled Child to examine the lack of integration experienced by disabled people in areas such as education, employment, transport and leisure.
Suggestions should be sent to the Secretary, Working Party on Integration, 1 Springfield Road, Horsham, Sussex, RH12 2PN.

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rice-fixing warning retailers if voluntary pact fails

Staff Reporter. Government's voluntary agreement with retailers to cut prices on certain basic household goods...

poultry men complain about 'criminal' cuts

Jobo Eastwood, president of the British Poultry Federation, said the present EEC policy on poultry...

the retail trade in June under which they should reduce their profit limits by a tenth and should concentrate that reduction on basic items.

Food prices

Hugh Clayton. The Department of Prices and Consumer Protection said that prices, some pork, pears and lemons...

Football crowd safety Bill presented

By Our Political Staff. The Safety of Sports Grounds Bill, requiring stadia with a capacity for more than ten thousand spectators...

Only those stadia with accommodation for more than ten thousand spectators will be required to obtain a safety certificate...

Boycott complaint

Mr Wilson is to look into the case of three Grimstey fish dockers sent to Coventry by their mates since they refused to join a strike on May 8.



Rubbish piling up in a street in Earls Court, London, where dustmen are on unofficial strike.

Councils complain of 1971 census delays

By Stewart Tendler. The 1971 census, intended as an essential tool for Britain's planners, has proved too much for the census officials to cope with.

Local authorities, faced with these delays and others on special detailed information they ordered, have kept up a

barage of complaints to the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys. They have found themselves risking decisions based on information eight years out of date because nothing else has been available.

Mr Eric Thompson, chairman of the Census Research Group and assistant director of the GLC Intelligence Unit, said: "We have been told that we shall get some of the special material we ordered next year but the material was intended to be available within two years."

Lottery MP in luck again in Bill ballot

By Our Political Staff. Mr Graham Page, who was Minister for Local Government in the last Conservative government, has been lucky again in the ballot for private members' Bills.

Three thousand Merseyside building workers return to work yesterday after a week's unofficial strike protesting over the dismissal of the Shrewsbury "flying pickets" appeal.

Large advertisement for Christmas insurance. Text: "Christmas is coming and he's stocked up for a big season. He hasn't had to worry about extra insurance cover though - his policy takes care of that automatically." Includes a small image of a man in a suit.

nurses 'dispensing pill at family planning clinics'

Pat Healy, Services correspondent. Hundreds of thousands of women attending Family Planning Association clinics have been given the contraceptive pill by nurses...

"We have heard of clinics where no doctor is present; we have heard of one where the specially trained and selected nurses provide the whole service, including the insertion of intra-uterine devices."

Saturday issue 'Evening Standard' to end

Staff Reporter. One of London's two evening papers, the Evening Standard, is to stop publishing its Saturday edition to reduce costs.

Child 'had six broken ribs and 64 bruises'

Tina Johnson, aged eight months, had six broken ribs and 64 separate bruises on her body the night she died, it was alleged at Nottingham Crown Court yesterday.

Advertisement for Excess Insurance Group. Text: "Not all shopkeepers can be so blasé about an overfull stockroom. Excess expertise, however, knows the problems - the last worry they want at busy times is extra cover. That's why Excess new Shopkeepers Policy allows for automatic seasonal stock increases for any six week period at no extra charge..."

Advertisement for Bushill's Warren Lane. Text: "BIGGEST RANGE OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR MILES! AT BUSHILL'S WARREN LANE". Includes a photograph of a man and a woman in a shop setting.

Richard Briginshaw, general secretary of the Royal Society of Operative Journalists, said: "It is an indication of the difficulties and problems of the industry, which is likely to be further burdened by price increases in news, Graphical and Media print in the new year."

Neglect of the social sciences in France. The "catastrophic neglect" of the social sciences in France is discussed today in The Times Higher Education Supplement by Dr A. H. Eliaz.

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Expensive to put sugar on ration Jobs of cane refinery workers not at risk in EEC negotiations

MR WILLIAM HAMILTON (Central Fife, Lab.) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to make a statement on the recently negotiated sugar agreement.

Drop in fat cattle prices caused by heavy marketings

MR PEART, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Workington, Lab.), answering a series of questions about the beef situation, including the current low prices for fat cattle and the proposed EEC price for beef.

Government encouraging farmers to expand sowing of beet

LORD SAIBURY (Lab.) said that to talk of surplus in a situation of acute world shortage was surreal. The fear of shortages was a serious world-wide problem.

Mr Wilson indicates unions will get £10m

MR SKINNER (Bolsover, Lab.) said: Now we are mopping up some of the mess left by the Tories, while the Prime Minister, before he next meets the TUC, is mopping up some of all the defaulting companies.

Revaluation of rates put back until inquiry on finance is completed

MR JOHN SILKIN, Minister for Planning (Leeds, Lab.), moving the second reading of the General Rates (Amendment) Bill, announced that the revaluation of rates would be postponed until a committee's report on local government finance was available.

Opening of National Theatre delayed

MR HUGH BENJAMIN, Secretary for Education and Science (Wandsworth, Lab.), moving the second reading of the National Theatre Bill, said that the opening of the new theatre would be delayed due to various factors.

MPs' salaries down 25 pc

MR ROBERT SHELDON, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (East Hertfordshire, C.), said that the basic salary of a Member of Parliament was to be reduced by 25 per cent.

Oil subsidy for growers not to be continued

MR STRANG, Parliamentary Secretary (Edinburgh, East, Lab.), said that the Government had decided not to continue the oil subsidy for growers.

Costs in Lands Tribunal 'sealed offer' cases

Pepps v London Transport Executive. Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Roskill and Sir John Pennycuik. [Judgments delivered November 5]

Next week's business

Business in the House of Lords. TUESDAY: Motion on the Channel Tunnel Bill and Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill.

Court of Appeal

Pepps v London Transport Executive. The appeal should be allowed. LORD JUSTICE ROSKILL, concurring with LORD JUSTICE DENNING, said that the tribunal's decision was correct.

Parliamentary Notices

House of Commons. MR STRANG—Rationing is a serious matter and it would be a drastic and expensive step to take and one which would be only appropriate in a situation where we had a serious and ongoing shortage.

Science report

Obesity: Less weight, more happiness. Contrary to popular belief, very fat people are not all jolly, cheerful and carefree.

MPs' salaries down 25 pc

MR KENNETH LOMAS (Hoddeston, West, Lab.) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for details of the proposed 25 per cent reduction in MPs' salaries.

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General in French aircraft row resigns

Paris, Nov 7.—General Paul Stehlin, former French Air Chief of Staff, today resigned as National Assembly president after widespread criticism that he betrayed national interests by declaring American jet fighters to be better than French Mirages. A brief press statement of the general-politician, who is 67, left his lower chamber presidency and left the ceo-political party, the Reform Movement, "so as to be better able to defend himself" and will retain his Assembly seat. UPI.

Mrs Hargrove writes from Paris: President Giscard d'Estaing's decision to spend 24 million on board the French nuclear submarine Le Terrible; designed to reaffirm the Government's adherence to an independent defence policy and the French deterrent. He began his cruise in the Atlantic today, the first French president to spend so long on board a submarine. The gesture has added significance with a political row provoked by a publication of the note of General Stehlin on the virtues of Atlantic cooperation in defence generally and in aircraft production in particular. There was no one in Parliament yesterday on the right, the left or even among his own ranks of the centre ready to defend General Stehlin, except M Jean-Jacques Schreiber, who was backed by the outburst of indignation to which the words "honour" and "reason" were bandied about in the National Assembly in scenes reminiscent of the Dreyfus case, to the Le Quotidien de Paris. The Radical Socialist leader aroused irritation himself stating that "anything which General Stehlin can contribute to public debate on the right endurance of the money of nations and the proper manner of defending France is perfectly correct and normal". American "Atlanticist" sympathies; and driving a wedge between them and the Independent Republicans, President Giscard d'Estaing's own party.

Common agricultural policy as 'the last hope of cheap food' in view of 'world market anarchy'

M Jobert shows warmth for Britain

By David Spaicer
Diplomatic Correspondent

M Jobert, the former French Foreign Minister, asserted yesterday that the future of Britain and France lay together in a united Europe. In a review of the outlook for the European Community, M Jobert—though he has lost none of his aversion to American influence—demonstrated a remarkable warmth for Britain.

"I am more than ever convinced," he told the Institute of Directors conference in London, "that your future is with us and that the rendezvous our two countries have made with history must this time be kept."

The British demand for a "renegotiation" of the terms of entry had revived many misgivings. "Is it really necessary to question again the very principles of the common agricultural policy," he inquired, "at a time when the state of anarchy prevailing on the world market highlights its wisdom, and when it seems to offer the last hope of a 'cheap food policy'?"

"Is the size of the budgetary contribution (which this year amounts to some 3 per cent of the increased cost of energy) in any way to be compared with the advantages that Britain can expect to gain from Europe?"

Questioning whether the alarm about the erosion of sovereignty reflected a misconception or an obsolete notion of the way in which Europe works, M Jobert went on "France, which after all is traditionally jealous of her independence and individuality, could be most relied upon to sound the alarm". The haggling which was now going on seemed irrelevant.

The original vision of Europe had gone out of focus, M Jobert said reviewing the state of the Community. The common external tariff was "a hollow shell". The agricultural policy, which was to be part of a larger entity, was the only thing which had endured. As for the common rules, a large number had in effect been shelved.

"Our attachment to the Communities can be easily explained when one discovers that, by some magic, these treaties, so often reviled, deemed to be a dead letter and therefore buried have nevertheless had undeniable results."

The true begotten of Europe's economic expansion were, on the one hand, the industrialists, who saw its possibilities, and on the other, the officials who realized that their partners too had contributions to make. All this resulted from the treaties.

Turning to the external situation, M Jobert found it incredible that the Community had been all too often more concerned with American interests than with its own.

"The reasons for this strange attitude are multiple: complexes engendered by war; cowardice disguised as realism; a basic lack of self-confidence, unwarranted by economic facts; a concealed wish for fragmentation as well as a desire to make more powerful partners see reason." The countries of Europe had always seemed to be re-enacting the history of the Greek city states.

Signor Saragat falls out with former ally

From Patricia Clough
Rome, Nov 7

The former Italian President, Signor Saragat, has created a sensation by accusing his Social Democrat Party comrade and former friend, Signor Tanassi, of failing to inform him about the abortive 1970 coup plot when he was in office and Signor Tanassi was Defence Minister.

Signor Tanassi, who is the party president, retorted by charging Signor Saragat with "a defamation campaign, bordering on an attempt to lynch me morally". The motive, he said, was obviously political.

The row between the two most authoritative members of the Social Democrat Party, now bitterly divided over policy, burst on the scene at a particularly delicate moment in the month-old Government crisis, already complicated by the grave economic situation and revelations of fascist coup conspiracies.

The Prime Minister designate, Signor Moro, today reported to President Leone on the progress he has made so far in his attempt to form a government.

Only last night Signor Moro got the go-ahead from the secretary of his own Christian Democrat Party, Signor Fanfani, to carry on in his efforts to form a minority Christian Democrat Government with the parliamentary support of the Socialists and Republicans and without—if necessary—that of the Social Democrats.

The Social Democrats are still insisting on a full centre-left coalition, although earlier at-

Britain does better in fight against inflation

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, Nov 7

Comparing last September with September, 1973, Britain fared a good deal better than several other European Community member states on both the inflation and unemployment fronts, according to figures collated by the European Commission from national statistics and published here today.

Two of the countries most successful in combatting inflation, West Germany and Holland, were among those worst affected by unemployment, and West Germany had more out of work than Britain.

According to the figures, consumer prices rose in September, 1974, by the following percentages against the same month in 1973: Italy 20.3, Ireland 17.9, Denmark 16.6, Britain 15.8, Belgium 15.6, France 14.7, Luxembourg 10.6, Holland 10.3 and West Germany 7.3.

The equivalent figures for the increase in unemployment, seasonally adjusted, were as follows: Denmark 14.7, West Germany 13.1, Holland 12.2, Britain 9.2, Belgium 9.1, Ireland 7.1.

Italy, which could provide only the August figures, was the sole country to register an improvement of 0.4 per cent, but this still left 999,600 unemployed. It thus had both the highest number of unemployed and the biggest increase in consumer prices.

Spanish reaction to Rock disclosure

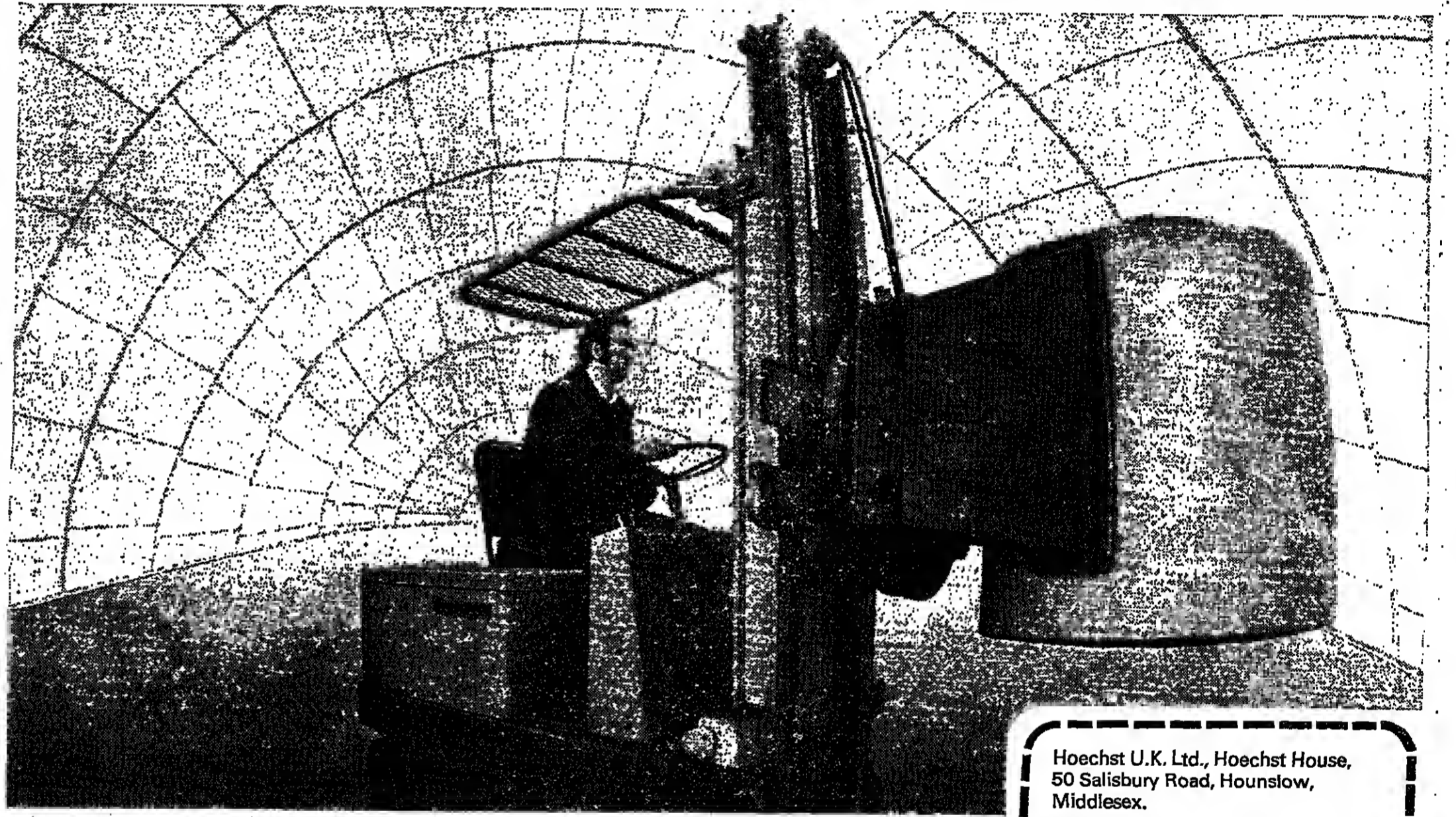
By A. M. Kendell

The disclosure in *The Times* by Sir Joshua Hassan, Chief Minister of Gibraltar, of Spanish proposals for a new regime on the Rock drew acid comment in Spanish quarters yesterday.

Sir Joshua is shown in the Spanish view, to have been less than frank. The decision to publish the proposals was taken, they believe, because the existence of the proposals became known in Gibraltar and Sir Joshua was under fire for saying nothing about his contact with a Spanish representative.

Spaniards also argue that the proposals are more favourable to Gibraltar than Sir Joshua made clear; or than the proposals themselves show, because the framework of law for Gibraltar would include existing inter-territorial treaties.

One of these to be concluded before any new regime for Gibraltar took effect would be a treaty between Britain and Spain.



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WEST EUROPE

Aircraft lost bearings and 108 Britons died

From Alan McGregor Solothurn, Switzerland, Nov 7 A British charter aircraft...

There were defects in the aircraft's radio navigational equipment and this, combined with bad weather...

At least by implication, however, it also poses the question whether the pilots could not have been warned earlier...

The defects were technical faults in the radio navigational equipment which existed before the accident...

Political pressures alleged in wine fraud trial

Bordeaux, Nov 7.—Political scores were being settled in the Bordeaux wine fraud trial, a lawyer told the court today.

The court was hearing pleas for the 18 defendants charged with fraudulently adulterating or mislabelling Bordeaux wine.

The trial is taking place five months after the presidential election in which M Jacques Chaban-Delmas...

M Dumas, a Paris lawyer, went on: "At the time the facts of the alleged fraud were revealed in August 1973...

French call for a 'releasing of the brakes' of the economy

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Nov 7

M François Ceyrac, president of the French employers' federation, called in a television interview today for "releasing of the brakes before it is too late."

The postal strike, he said, had occurred when the state of the economy had taken a sharp turn for the worse.

Meeting in Brussels, environment ministers of the Nine adopted new legislation defining maximum pollution levels in surface waters...

Damning report on French oil company practices

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Nov 7

The parliamentary committee which was set up last June on a proposal of M Georges Marin...

It asserts that the oil companies take great liberties with the rules of the market and the laws of the land...

Me Laurent Schwartz, the Gaullist Rapporteur of the committee, says euphemistically...

OVERSEAS

Democrats' victory continues at state level

From Fred Emery Washington, Nov 7

With state legislature election returns, like aftershocks of the national upheaval, showing Democratic control running still deeper...

It is the second anniversary of Mr Nixon's 1972 "lonely landslide" return to the White House, but Mr Ford was ood depicted looking ahead.

There was also speculation, inevitably discounted, that he was considering inviting Democrats into his cabinet.

All kinds of brave new worlds are depicted in utterances from leading Democrats.

Democrats know better than anyone that they have no coherent plan on anything.

Major Hector Lopez was shot dead in Santa Fe, 300 miles north of here.

Other guerrillas set fire to some 20 Army buses parked in a factory ground just north of Buenos Aires.

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British hospitals for Egypt's war wounded

By Defence Correspondent

About 40 Egyptian servicemen who were wounded in the October War are to be flown to Britain for special treatment in service hospitals.

The Ministry of Defence is not disclosing either the date of their arrival or the hospitals concerned, for security reasons.

Another example of improving relations, talks are continuing on possible arms purchases by the Egyptians from Britain.

Return of children denied to British mother

From Our Correspondent Melbourne, Nov 7

A Supreme Court judge in Melbourne has ordered the immediate return to Britain of two children who are the centre of a custody battle.

Mr Sutherland told the court that he brought the children to Australia last June "for their own well-being."

They were quite adamant that they wanted to stay here, Mr Sutherland said.



Mr Andreas Papandreu, leader of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement Party, greets Miss Melina Mercouri, the actress, who is one of his candidates.

Monarchy election issue in Greece

From Our Correspondent Athens, Nov 7

The future of the monarchy in Greece is becoming one of the principal issues in the election campaign as political parties try to force Mr Constantine Karamanlis, the Prime Minister, to commit himself publicly for or against the return of the King to his throne.

Mr Karamanlis and his New Democracy Party, which includes both royalists and republicans, has so far evaded the issue and avoided disunity before the elections.

Terrorists defy state of siege in Argentina

Buenos Aires, Nov 7.—Guerrillas today defied the drastic state of siege imposed by President Isabel Peron.

They murdered an Army officer, destroyed military vehicles and seized a railway station.

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Court to consider filming Mr Nixon's evidence

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Nov 7

The court hearing the Watergate cover-up trial was told today that Mr Richard Nixon would be unable to take part in "any activity requiring substantial mental or physical effort" for two to three months.

Mr Herbert Miller, Mr Nixon's lawyer, who submitted a four-page memorandum on the former President's health, argued further that "it will be an indeterminate time before he has recovered sufficiently to travel any significant distance."

The numerous lawyers involved in the case were saying 10 days ago that the trial might be over by Christmas.

Mr John Ehrlichman, one of the defendants, who used to be Mr Nixon's chief adviser on domestic affairs, has already called for a mistrial on the ground that his defence is irreparably prejudiced by Mr Nixon's unavailability as a witness.

Royal Navy team ends bomb disposal task in Suez Canal

By Henry Stanhope Defence Correspondent

The Royal Navy's task group which has been carrying out a bomb disposal job on the Suez Canal for the past seven months...

There can be no guarantee that all the explosives have now been cleared, because a number of shells and bombs are feared to be deeply embedded in the sandy bottom.

The task group has consisted of 250 men, under the command of Commander David Husband...

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Mrs Hart defends British food aid role

From Peter Nichols Rome, Nov 7

The British case had chance of a second hearing, the World Food Conference here today with the arrival of Mrs Judith Hart, Minister Overseas Development...

However the rule that no minister could address a plenary session meant that Mrs Hart would have been limited to speaking in one of the committees.

Committee statements must be brief and factual, avoiding any general survey. But Mrs Hart managed to circumvent this restriction by speaking twice: she spoke at length tonight after dinner at the British Embassy and planned brief contribution to the committee discussions tomorrow.

Her main point is that British role for the developing countries was to help them grow food for themselves. She sees land reform and distribution of income, as well as distribution of food itself, as essential elements in development.

She found excessive assumption of proteins in countries "personally of size". This was an attitude, she said, increasingly shared among young people in Britain.

She gallantly set out answer criticisms that the cost of "something like 25,000 tons of fertilizer over the next year or so" made yesterday in plenary session by Mr F Peart, the Minister of Agriculture, was unimpressive.

She enlarged on the role she saw it of British help. Britain was a net importer of fertilizers, the most effective aid that could be given in the field was to use money know-how in helping developing countries to produce their own.

Since 1970, she said, Britain had committed more than £25m in helping to build three fertilizer factories which would be one next week by Mrs Gandhi, Indian Prime Minister.

This more practical sphere in fact marked much the day. The Americans set pace of such a departure by producing two real farmers' inspection and interrogation of the press.

Mr J. Merrill Anderson, president of the Iowa Bureau of Extension, was instructive and the same day properly drew earth: "While we talk all the need for increased production in both the developed and the developing nations, we talk frankly about who is going to pay for it."

American farmers, he said, had a number of questions to ask about increased production to meet the food needs of domestic customers and customers round the world. It is extremely expensive to produce food in the United States requiring a substantial investment in land and machinery rapidly rising seed, pesticide fertilizer expenses.

Mr Harold B. Steele, president of the Illinois Farm Bureau gave assurances that farmers America were "in sympathy with the hungry of the world. In fact, their sympathy went beyond sympathy" because producing food is our livelihood.

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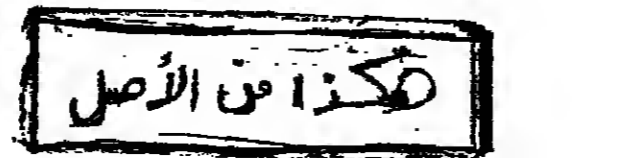
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Mrs Havers' defence of Kissinger pressed British aid role decision in Rabat

Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, Nov 7

Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, arrived here for the first time since he was fired from his post over an apparent shift in American Middle East policy since the summit meeting at Rabat. Leaders have interpreted the move as a signal that the United States would try to assist the parties to get negotiations started.

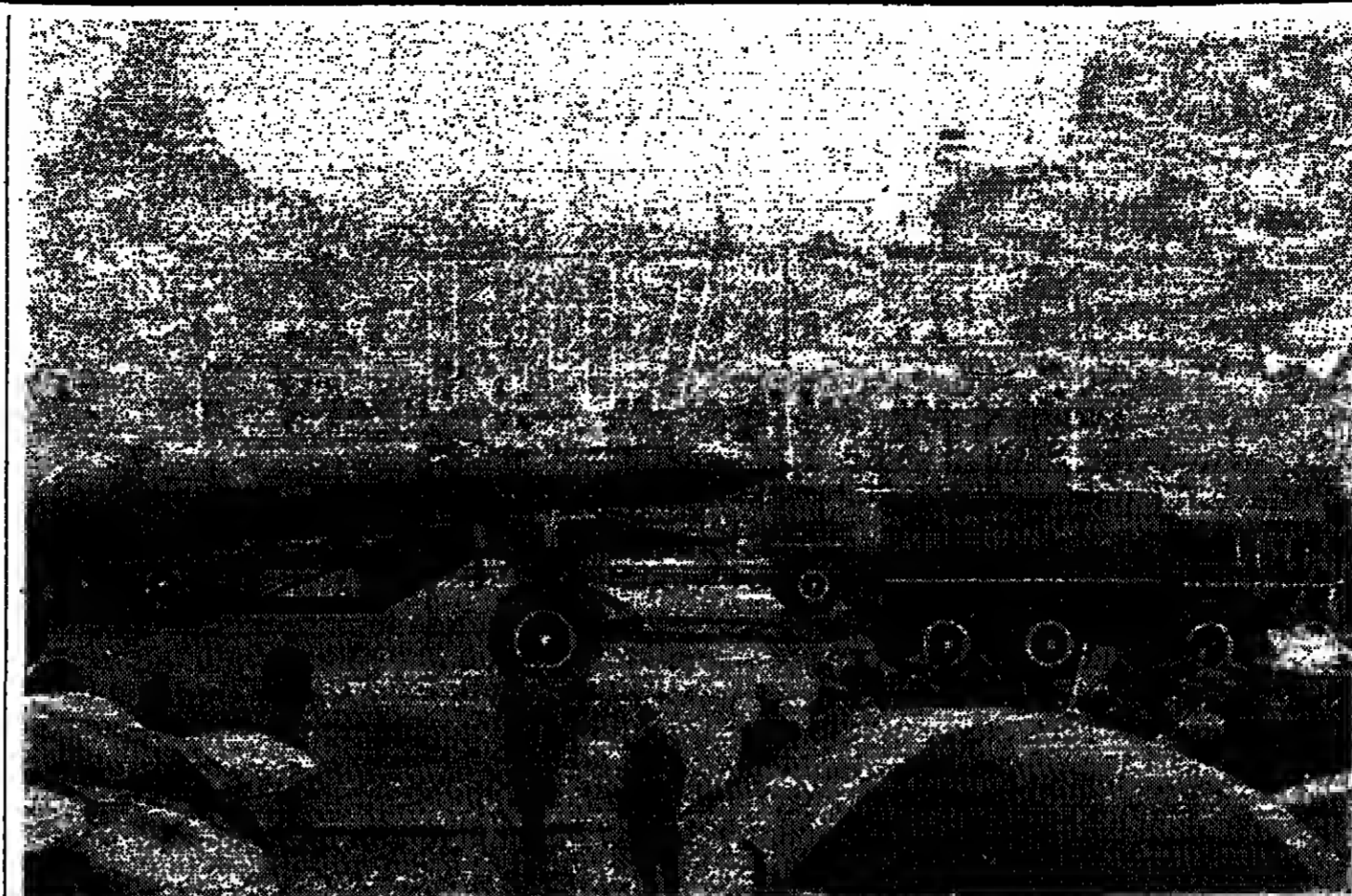
The Israel Embassy in Washington claimed subsequently that American officials had denied that the statement represented any change of policy and had said that the United States had, neither in the past "or today", asked Israel to negotiate with the PLO.

Mr Rabin emphasized in the Knesset this week that Israel rejected the idea of negotiations with terrorists. Dr Kissinger is known to have come under pressure in Arab capitals to try to persuade Israel to modify its stand towards the PLO, and in view of King Husain's insistence that Jordan has dropped out of the peace negotiations, he has little alternative but to seek some formula to soften Israel's line. His chances of success are small.

Some commentators here, by microscopic analysis of Mr Rabin's Knesset speech, have implied that he may have left Israel open to the possibility of negotiating with the PLO when he said that Israel "will not negotiate with terrorist organizations". The whole context of his speech, however, was a denunciation of the PLO and, in his reference to the Rabat summit, he accused Arab leaders of giving responsibility for the establishment of a Palestinian state to "organizations of murderers".

This seems to rule out reconsideration of the compromise suggested to the cabinet before the Yassini visit, the Information Minister said. He should agree to negotiate with any party that recognized it as a sovereign state and which renounced intentions of destroying it.

The Secretary of State planned an 18-hour stay in Israel before heading for Tunisia and then home.



A missile is driven in the Moscow military parade yesterday past a crowd of spectators sheltering under umbrellas.

Peking's anniversary overture to Moscow

Moscow, Nov 7.—China told the Soviet Union today that they should hold talks aimed at the conclusion of a non-aggression treaty and the separation of forces in disputed border areas.

The proposals were made in a message from Peking to Soviet leaders, marking today's fifty-seventh anniversary of the 1917 Revolution, according to official Chinese sources in Moscow.

The Kremlin frequently has asserted that China consistently rejected or ignored Soviet proposals for a non-aggression pact, and Chinese officials have indicated that they regarded the suggestion as "Russian hypocrisy".

However, the Peking message, as translated into Russian by the Chinese sources, said the idea was part of a mutual understanding reached at a meeting in September, 1969, between Mr Chou En-lai, the Chinese Prime Minister, and Mr Kosygin, his Soviet counterpart.

The message—seen as the most conciliatory known to have come from Peking to Moscow in recent years—also pledged that the Chinese Government would head all efforts "to defend the revolutionary friendship" between the two peoples.

The message repeated assertions in past revolutionary anniversary messages from China to the Soviet Union that differences of principle between the two countries should not hinder the normalization of inter-state relations.

It also said: "Above all, the mutual understanding achieved in September, 1969, at the meeting of the prime ministers of the two states—that an agreement should be signed on non-aggression, non-use of force, maintenance of the status quo on the frontiers, the prevention of military conflicts and clashes, the separation of forces in disputed regions, and the solution of all frontier questions through talks—should be adhered to."

The message, which was not immediately reported by Soviet news media, appeared to mark a basic shift in official Peking attitudes to Moscow.

Since 1969, the two countries have been intermittently discussing their differences over the border question at talks in Peking, but both sides have reported no progress. The talks are believed to have been in suspense since the summer, when Mr Leonid Ilyichev, the Soviet chief negotiator, returned to Moscow.—Reuter.

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Ankara visit cancelled in view of Turkish crisis

Our Correspondent
Ankara, Nov 7

The Turkish Government crisis which has been simmering for nearly two months came to head today, resulting in the cancellation of Dr Henry Kissinger's one-day visit to Turkey.

An American Secretary of State's visit to Ankara here is now cancelled.

Bulent Ecevit, the outgoing Prime Minister, told reporters after a 90-minute meeting with President Koru that he had asked to be relieved of the task of forming a new government.

Under these conditions, said "I am afraid that there is no way to reach a negotiated settlement."

This was the first time that Mr Ecevit publicly urged such a realistic approach. If he had made such a statement before the Turkish invasion of last July he would have been branded a traitor by the majority of Greek Cypriots.

S African ministers speak of need for reform in racial policies

From Michael Knipe
Cape Town, Nov 7

South Africa's ruling Nationalist Party has begun, for the first time, to advocate the need for reform in its racial policies. Four Cabinet ministers called for changes in speeches at the party's Cape Province congress last night.

Their words were cautious, by international standards but unusual in the South African context, and appear to have been designed to prepare the party's rank and file for radical adjustments to racial policies. Usually ministers use the party congresses to reassure the party faithful that apartheid will be maintained as strongly as ever.

Mr P. W. Botha, the Minister of Defence, said the Government intended to remove all legislation which was contrary to the policy of apartheid. Mr H. Muller, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, said that South Africa's racial policies could be improved by the elimination of unnecessary irritations between the races.

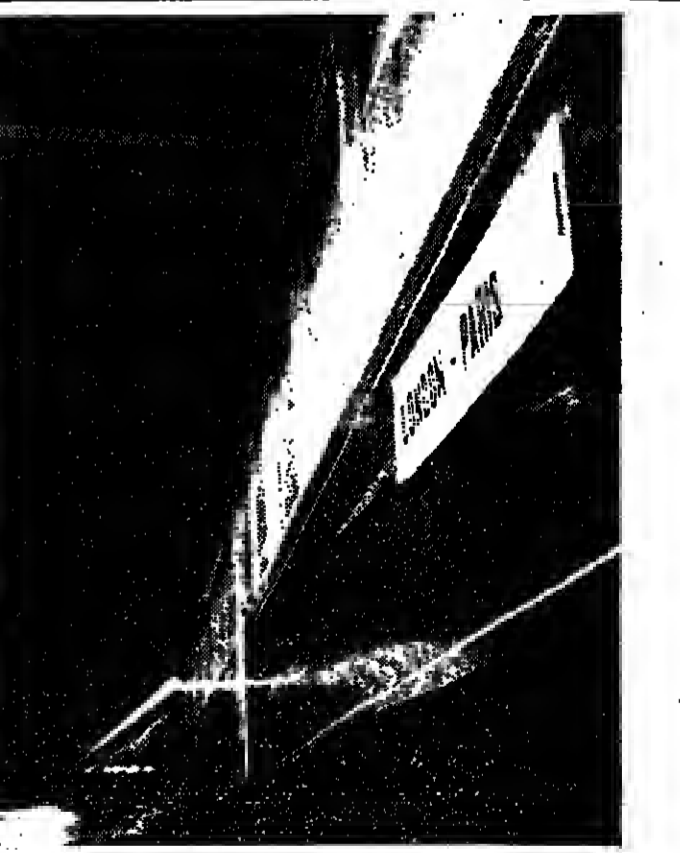
The Deputy Minister of Bantu Administration suggested it was time that "unnecessary irritating legislation, which was necessary in its time", should be removed from the statute books.

Mr van der Merwe, the Minister for Coloured Affairs, emphasised the need to get rid of outdated practices which were "unnecessary irritations".

The Government's opponents have been impressed by the radical change of emphasis among the Nationalist Party leaders. When Mr Botha, the leader of the party in the Cape, described the people classified as Coloured as "brown South Africans" and said that "there are many details of cultural amenities with decent Coloured people is no threat to anyone", his words were described as startling.

Very few cultural amenities are shared at present. The ministers all emphasised, however, that they were not abandoning their faith in the Republic's apartheid policies. Mr Botha said he was not ashamed of apartheid, "but if it is implemented with clumsy fingers and heavy hands, it can lead to South Africa's going under".

Dr Muller spoke of the seriousness of South Africa's position at the United Nations and gave a warning that world attitudes towards the Republic had sharpened as a result of the collapse of Portugal's policy in Africa. However, he contended that the Republic's reputation for oppression and violation of human dignity was largely due to a misconception of South Africa's policies.



Police assault on detained Africans alleged

From Our Correspondent
Pretoria, Nov 7

Allegations of "brutal assault" on detainees by the security police were the subject of an application to the Supreme Court. The application was for an order restraining the police during the period of detention from assaulting the five people named, interrogating them in any manner other than that prescribed and permitted by law, employing any undue or unlawful pressure on them or subjecting them to any form of unlawful duress.

The names of those on whose behalf this order is sought are: Mr Lindwe Mabandla, aged 29, former vice-president of the South African Students' Organization and a member of the Black People's Convention; Mr Sathasivan Cooper, aged 22, formerly public relations officer of the Black People's Convention; Mr Revabalan Cooper, aged 22; Mr Mosinso Lekota, aged 28, who was permanent organizer of the South African Students' Organization at the time of his arrest in September; and Mr Munru Myeza, secretary-general of the South African Students' Organization.

The application to the Supreme Court is being brought in the case of four of the men by their fathers and for one by his fiancée.

In an affidavit Mr S. M. Chetty, a lawyer, states that he saw Mr Sathasivan Cooper on October 22. When they were alone Mr Cooper said: "There are many detainees who are being brutally assaulted by the special branch."

It is alleged that Mr Mabandla and Mr Revabalan Cooper were most severely assaulted, that neither of them could walk, and that Mr Cooper's knee was "busted".

Counsel for the Minister of the Police, and the Commission of Police submitted that Mr Chetty's evidence was discredited.

A doctor had visited the detainees on various occasions, one on the morning of the application and found no evidence of physical or emotional assault. A senior magistrate had also visited them twice and there was only one complaint of assault which the complainant later declined to press further.

The judgment is expected on Monday.

Our Cape Town Correspondent writes: "The security police carried out several raids early today arresting and detaining black people under the Terrorism Act."

0 casualties feared in new Angola violence

Luanda, Nov 7.—Violence erupted by intermittent fighting, erupted near the university hospital in Luanda last night. According to radio and newspaper reports, up to 50 people were shot or injured.

Meanwhile, Dr Mario Soares, Portuguese Foreign Minister, met today secretly a representative of the Angolan liberation movement in Tunis. The nationalist negotiator said a deal had been struck to hold further talks on the decolonization of the Angolan territory.

Dr Soares conferred for two hours on neutral ground with the Lusitanian Foreign Ministry with Johnny Edouardo of the Angolan National Liberation Front. "Our talk was absolutely free," Mr Edouardo said after the talks.

The trouble in the Angolan capital started when a white man was slashed and beaten to death by a gang of Africans yesterday. Firing broke out in an area where the incident occurred to fetch his body. One man was killed by automatic fire. The exact number of dead is not immediately known, as troops, called in to restore order, had not yet collected all of the bodies.

Luanda representatives of two of the three main Angolan liberation movements deplored the violence. Mr Herminio Escorcao, representative of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola, told reporters that the trouble was "the work of bandits who are relics of colonialism".

A commander of the Portuguese counter-insurgency troops sent in to clear the slum area where the incidents occurred, said those responsible used automatic carbines, grenades, plastic explosives and machine pistols.

Four hundred prisoners, arrested in the previous waves of violence in Luanda, have recently been released from the Sao Nicolau penal colony in southern Angola, and many who escaped from Luanda's prison in June are still at large.

Spokesmen for police, military authorities and liberation movements suggested that the recently released prisoners might be among those responsible for last night's violence.

The latest outbreak of violence came hard on the heels of the disturbances of Tuesday night in which two people were killed and several wounded.—Reuter and UPI.

Jarcos regime plans to hold referendum

San Francisco, Nov 7.—President Marcos of the Philippines plans to hold a referendum in January to pronounce on his two-year-old martial law regime, the presidential palace said last night.

It added that Mr Marcos extended to hold a referendum on a regular basis every January in order to continue "the open dialogue between the governed and the governor" according to the palace spokesman last Sunday told visit officials of the Chase Manhattan Bank that the Government "will submit its entire program to a referendum of the people".—Agence France Press.

Destitutes throng Bangladesh camp

From Michael Hornsby
Mirpur, Bangladesh, Nov 7

At the Mirpur relief camp, about 10 miles outside Dacca, some 3,000 destitute peasants are waiting for the autumn rice harvest to get under way so that they can return to the fields from which they were driven by hunger and lack of work.

Many of the inmates are skeleton cases—particularly the more recent arrivals—and the percentage of small children among the destitutes is high. Dysentery is common and there is a pervasive stench. The camp is set among the half-completed buildings of an abandoned soap factory, which form a rough square round a feid pond. There are also some open-sided makeshift shelters.

Hundreds of families huddle on straw mats with their few belongings, usually no more than a battered tin food bowl or two, and perhaps a bundle of rags; but grim as the conditions are, they are preferable to being left to starve on the streets of Dacca.

For breakfast the camp inmates get some biscuits, a little milk and a roll, a thin flat round piece of bread. For lunch there are two rolls, supplemented by a thin vegetable gruel, and in the evening some more milk.

Several wells have been sunk in the camp to provide more or less fresh water and a doctor pays a visit twice a day. So far, according to the camp superintendent, there have been no cases of cholera, which has taken some thousands of lives throughout the country in recent months.

Every day for the past two months the Dacca city authorities have sent out 10 lorries with orders to pick up people from the rural areas.

Mr Sayed Rezaul Hayat, the Deputy Commissioner of Dacca, said: "There was a tremendous influx of people from the rural areas about 3,000 to 4,000 a day, after the floods in July and August. They lived in the railway stations and in the streets."

Most of these people were landless peasants, who depend for their livelihood on what they can earn as labourers during the sowing and harvesting seasons, which were badly disrupted by the floods this year; and work in the fields was hard to find.

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SPORT Racing

Vittadini's gesture of good will

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent
Habit, the highest rated English two-year-old in last year's Free Handicap...



Vikrom (right) jumps the last fence at Newbury yesterday to win from Well Oiled.

in the Irish St Leger two years ago. He was gelded and given a new name, Vikrom, at a crucial moment in the race...

Coup de Feu gets new goat as companion

From David Hedges
Leurel, Nov 7
Such are the complexities of equine psychology that the other day a New York lawyer found himself with the task of tracing on behalf of a horse, a de-borned male...

Tennis Bournemouth event loses sponsors

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Rothmans of Pall Mall, the oldest and most generous sponsors of British tennis, have withdrawn their support from the British hard court championships played at Bournemouth...

Fair Dandy to defy penalty

By Jim Snow
Northern Racing Correspondent
Doncaster mixes its racing today and tomorrow with the going predicted to be equally good on the flat and jumping courses...

Cheltenham programme

Table listing race details for Cheltenham, including race names, handicaps, and participant lists.

India will raise expulsion proposal at July meeting

Rome, Nov 7.—India today demanded that the International Tennis Federation should raise its proposal for the expulsion of India from the organization...

Doncaster programme

Table listing race details for Doncaster, including race names, handicaps, and participant lists.

Newbury results

Table listing race results for Newbury, including race names, winners, and odds.

Uttoxeter

Table listing race results for Uttoxeter, including race names, winners, and odds.

Football Only two left to maintain continental red line

By Geoffrey Green
Football Correspondent
Football continues to be a contentious issue for the European Cup as only two teams remain to maintain the continental red line...

Wills Premier Steeplechase

Table listing race results for Wills Premier Steeplechase, including race names, winners, and odds.

Teesside Park results

Table listing race results for Teesside Park, including race names, winners, and odds.

Second round winners

EUROPEAN CUP: Anderlecht and Arsenal are the winners of the second round of the European Cup...

Yesterday's results

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Hull City defeated Lincoln City 2-1 in the representative football match...

Doncaster selections

By Our Northern Correspondent
1.15 Ballynonny. 1.45 Wells Fargo. 2.15 Camidius. 2.45 Anglo Scot. 3.15 RED SUN is specially recommended...

Cheltenham selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
1.0 Porter's Precinct. 1.30 Golden Sol. 2.5 Looz. 3.40 PARK LAWN is specially recommended...

For the Record

Snooker
DUBLIN: World amateur champion, Willie Thorne, has been crowned as the champion of the world...

Rowing

COLOUGH SCULLS: Semi-finals of the Colough Sculls regatta have taken place...



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SPORT

Some four facts to ponder in England expects

John Woodcock
Correspondent
Sydney, Nov 7

ur the possession of a good wicket spinner, had MCC had one of these they would probably already have been beaten South Australia. As things are, to break the deadlock we may have to wait for a helpful pitch, as at Rawlins, or weak opposition, as at Hobart, or a generous declaration, or a sudden flash of unwonted brilliance, which several of Denness's side himself included, have it in them to produce.

As it happens, it could be that Victoria will provide MCC with their first victory over one of the five Sheffield Shield sides since South Australia were beaten after a declaration in December, 1965. They have only one top-class batsman in Redpath—Stacopoulos, Sheahan and Lawry all played for Victoria before their retirement—and only one present Test bowler in Walker, although Higgs, who took 11 wickets in helping them beat West Australia the other day, is obviously a threat. Higgs is a leg spinner, like Jenner, who alone of the South Australian bowlers, had MCC's batsmen in much trouble last week.

After much more rain than usual, spread over many weeks, the pitch at the Melbourne Cricket Ground is sure to be slow. So far this season the fast bowlers, Lillee included, have at times been reaching the wicketkeeper on the first bounce. The ball is expected to turn later in the match, though never at any pace.

Denness, unfortunately, is still feeling the after-effects of the attack of flu which kept him out of the first game at Port Lincoln. After blood tests and an X-ray examination today the doctor says that, although there would seem to be nothing much the matter, it would be wiser for him not to play tomorrow. He would probably have missed one state match before the first Test anyway. On MCC's last tour Illingworth, the

the captain, missed the match against New South Wales which follows this one, through being run down. By Brisbane he was fit again.

In Denness's case there will be no need to worry if the antibiotics which have been prescribed achieve their purpose. He was in good form tonight at the reception which the Victorian Cricket Association traditionally give when MCC first arrive in Melbourne. This was a delightful occasion with the Ponsford's mixing with the Poms and the speeches striking just the right note.

Amis is fit to play for MCC, but not to field away from the bat, for fear of throwing his arm out again. There were news this morning, in sunshine and on reasonably good pitches, and if the people of Warrnambool could have heard how much the party seem to have enjoyed yesterday's visit there they would be delighted. As MCC's aircraft took off from Warrnambool, with the locals waving farewell, I had the same kind of feeling as when, on the way to Australia in the fifties, our ship sailed away from the Cocos Islands after dropping the provisions. Next time in Australia it would be good to go far into the outback, perhaps to Tennant Creek or Alice Springs, on a cricketing mission.

MCC: D. L. Amis, D. Lloyd, J. R. Edrich (captain), K. W. R. Fletcher, B. W. Luckhurst, A. W. Craig, A. P. E. Knott, F. J. Titmus, G. G. Arnold, P. Lever, R. G. D. Willis.

VICTORIA: I. R. Redpath (captain), R. Baldry, R. Bright, J. D. Higgs, R. Nicholls, J. W. Scholes, A. J. Sieler, L. Stidman, G. Tamblyn, A. L. Thomson, M. E. N. Walker, G. Yallop.

PODANA: West Indies, 333 for 5 dec. H. Richards 102 not out. G. G. Greenidge 60; West Zone, 25 for 4 wickets.

Rugby Union

All Blacks players of dubious pedigree

From Peter West
Rugby Correspondent
Limerick, Nov 7

After their indifferent start against Combined Universities in Cork yesterday the All Blacks can be under no illusions about the threat posed by their next opponents, Munster, here on Sunday. Seven internationals have been picked for the Munster side, although Moss Keane, the Irish lock, is a doubtful starter because of a shoulder injury sustained in training. Brendan Foley, of Shannon, is standing by.

The All Blacks themselves will be finding what is virtually their strongest side. The captain and number eight, Leslie, the lock, Whiting, and the wing, Eddy, will be their only players who appeared yesterday. Whiting bruised a thigh in that game and missed today's training. The prop, Lambert, was also missing with some shoulder trouble. One of the new flankers, Knight, who is doing well with them for physiotherapy treatment, at hospital.

The manager, Noel Stanley, says that he expects Whiting to be fit for Sunday's match. On yesterday's match practice he can get. The Universities effectively cluttered up his line-out activities, but he hardly got off the ground for a proper jump at afternoon.

The All Blacks began their training visit to the new National College of Education in Limerick by closing themselves in a changing room for well over an hour. Their coach, John Stewart, is an extremely conversationalist, but it is presumed that he was in consistently good voice on the subject of yesterday's troubles, most notably the quite uncharacteristic performance at rack and maul.

These, of course, are early days, and there are certain estimating circumstances for a below-par performance. But a short tour is a crash programme, and the All Blacks, now facing a series of hard

Two productions: best all-round woman in the world and best all-round book

Looking beyond the winning post

I have always thought that the ideal athletics correspondent would be a former Olympic decathlon champion who had also won a Pulitzer Prize for sports reporting. For those of us who like keeping our jobs there have been some disturbingly close approaches to that ideal combination, including the American marathon runner, Keny Moore, who writes so well for Sports Illustrated.

Fortunately, ease with the pen and the spikes do not often go together. In the end we look for a partnership between champion and reporter to produce the clearest insight about competition at the top. We could hardly have a happier literary marriage than that between Mary Peters and Ian Woodbridge which has given birth to *Mary P. Autobiography* (Stanley Paul, £2.75). Miss Peters, as all the world knows, was Olympic pentathlon gold medal winner in 1972 and Woodbridge, as readers of the *Daily Mail* and admiring colleagues know, was chosen Sports Journalist of the Year in 1972.

Apart from their separate talents of winning on the track and in the press box, "Mary P." and "Wooders" share one important asset for facing the troubled world of the seventies. That is the capacity in both to look beyond the winning post and the walls of the stadium and appreciate that life is much more complex than one she could win both for Euseb and

Playing the game by the rules

Until recently I was unaware that my knowledge of sport lacked such information as the inversion rule in Boules or the duration of a paddlesball match. Nobody had asked me and I am not expecting them to do so, which is a great pity because I know the answers, or at least know where to find them, having acquired a remarkably ambitious book called *Rules of the Game* (Paddington Press Ltd, £6.95). It is otherwise described as "The Complete Illustrated Encyclopedia of all the Sports of the World" which is one of its less accurate statements.

The book, which weighs three pounds (an important point if your do-it-yourself bookshelves are as uncertain as mine), contains the illustrated rules of over 150 sports and games and is being published in both British and America. It would seem that more copies are expected to end up on the American coffee tables than in private libraries of England. It is a book to have rather than read—invaluable on those rare occasions when you want to know the weight of a javelin or when junior has been set a project on some esoteric pastime. In those terms, I would dare suggest that it is the best guide ever produced and certainly the most colourful and beautifully presented.

The immediate temptation is to turn to a subject about which one has some personal knowledge and look for mistakes despite the fact that the publishers explain that they received information from the official governing bodies of the sports concerned. In the process of proof and presentation of that information, it was inevitable that the pedantic reader would have room to be critical. But the whole aim of the book is to explain, visually if possible, the rules of sports about which you may know nothing.

The second temptation is to think of some obscure game or sport, perhaps peculiar to England, and England has a lot of peculiar sports, and be offended when on finding it mentioned. This would be unfair if the editors had not made themselves vulnerable by using the indefensible phrase "the complete encyclopedia". If there are 150 sports on the 320 pages, there must be another 150 unmentioned others being played somewhere in the world.

Slight confusion is caused by the frequent use of Americanisms though these rarely hinder and the diagrams solve most of the doubts. In fact, I found the diagrams by far the most interesting aspect of the book, especially on those subjects which seem to have won popularity primarily through exposure on television. This applied to show jumping, moto-cross, but not professional wrestling which, presumably and rightly in my view, was not considered a sport. The growing sports, squash and gymnastics, for instance, are well and precisely covered, but the editors have not caught up with one of the latest and most interesting sports inventions, hang-gliding. Karate and its relations, except the current rage, Kang Fu, are there for the trend followers.

Obviously, the purist is going to find some faults: a few examples might be that no motorcyclists would use the term "scrambles" or "try to race on a grass track with a machine" suitable for short road races, cricketers might find themselves in inactive areas of the field if they followed the field placings shown in the diagrams. Small criticisms indeed when surveying the work of 38 people over four years. My only doubt is whether there is a British market for such a lavish production—the publishers may have overlooked the fact that only in the last few years have the British become more sports minded and less football obsessed. Or perhaps they have judged that feeling at just the right moment and will ride on the new waves of enthusiasm for participant sports. This is no book for anyone who claims to be interested in sport but whose interest wanes at 4.45 on Saturday afternoon.

Norman Fox

Table tennis

Leading players compete for bigger prizes

Britain's leading eight men and four of the leading women will compete for £500 prize money in the Nissen Invitation table tennis tournament, at Oulton, near Leeds, this evening.

The first prize in the men's event will be £125, the first time that more than £100 has been paid since the limit on prize money for invitation events was removed this summer.

The competitors will be:
MEN: D. Neale (Cleveland), T. Taylor (Leeds), D. Douglas (Warrington), N. Jarvis (Cleveland), A. Taylor (York), E. Barnes (Leeds), Walker (Cleveland), D. Purvis (Leeds), J. Hamnersey (Buckinghamshire).
WOMEN: J. Hamnersey (Buckinghamshire), E. Howard (Leeds), E. Usher (Middlesbrough), S. Lisle (Cheshire).

Horse show

Rest agrees with Sportsman

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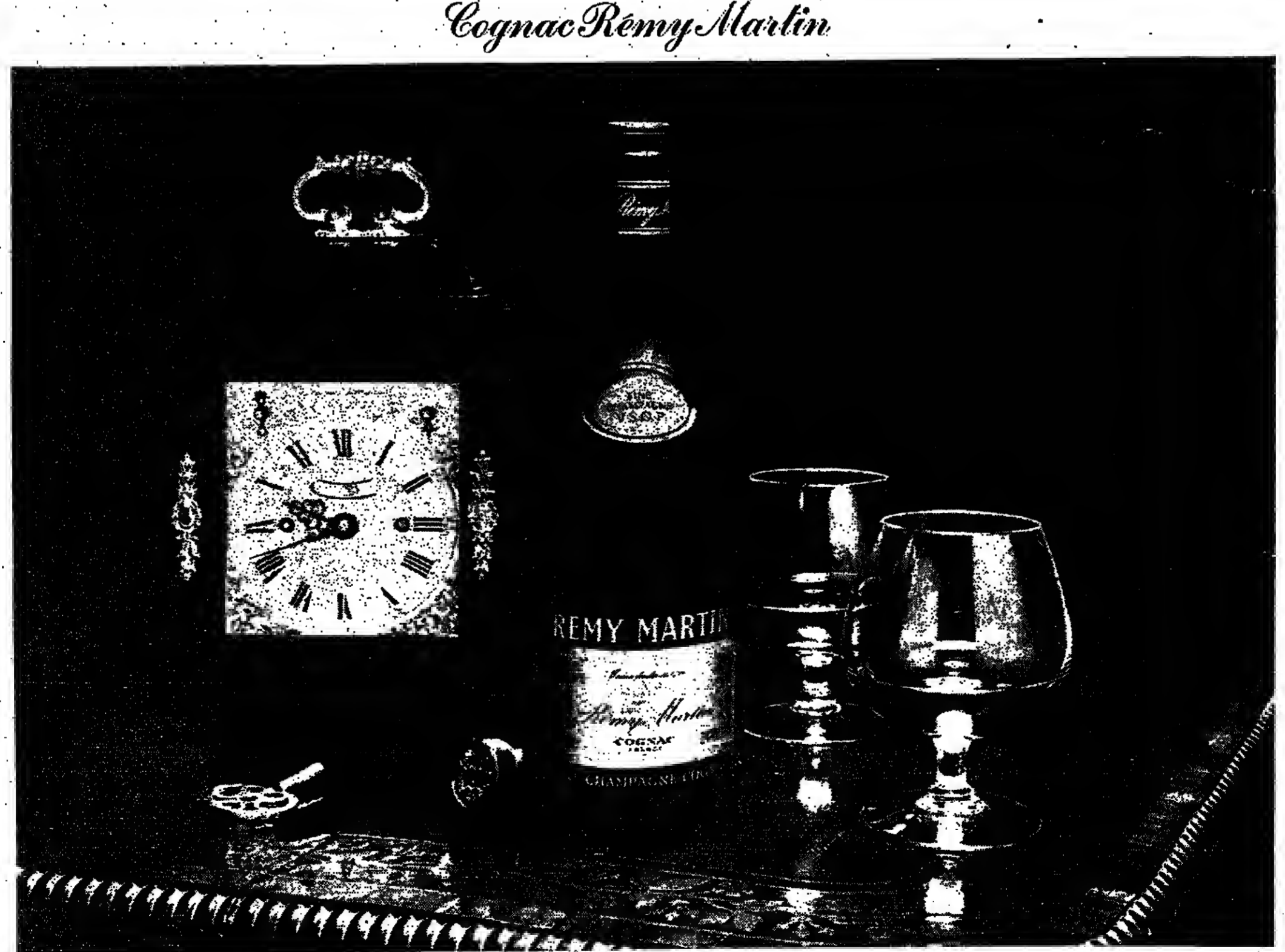
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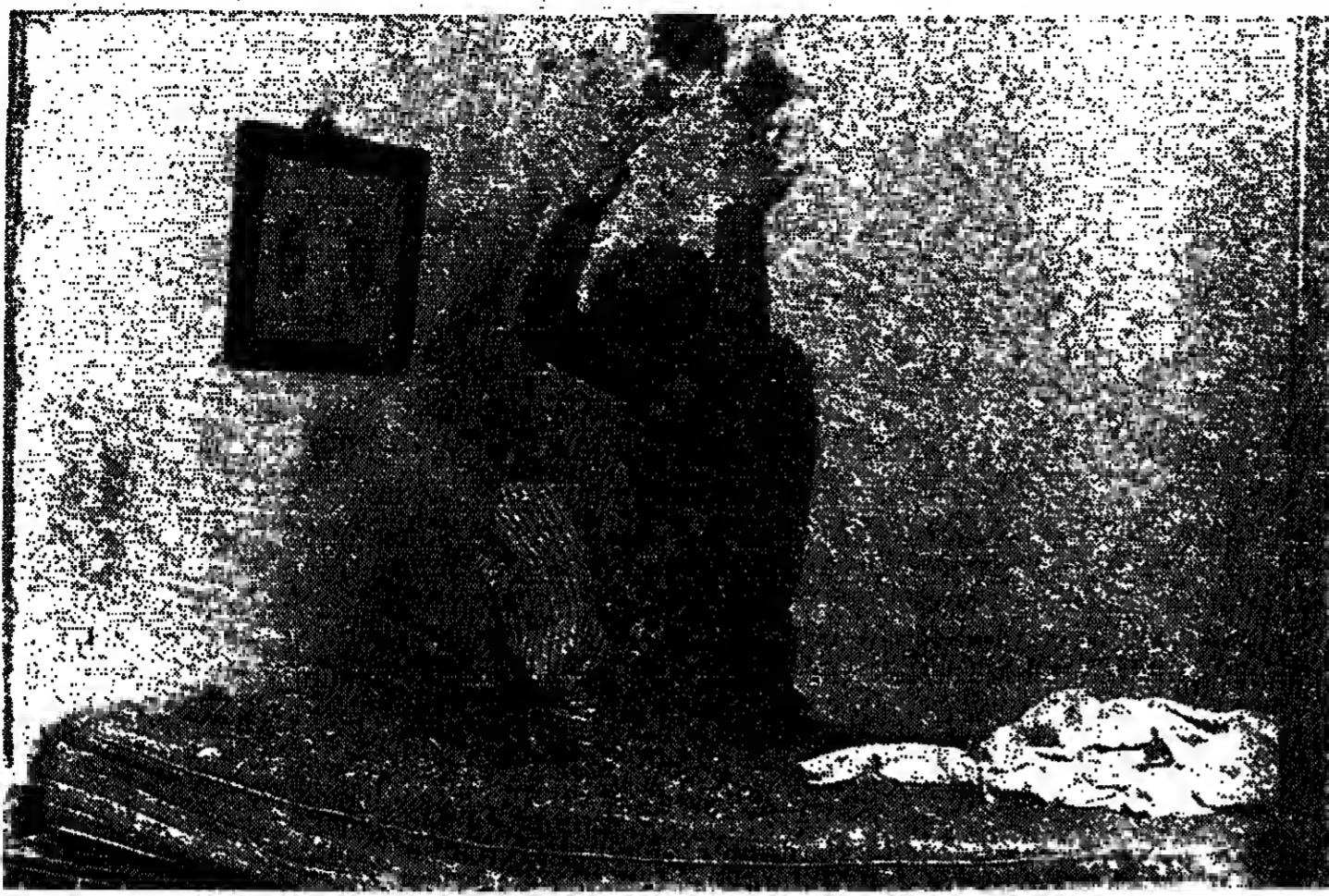
ARTS

Purification by fire: Bill Douglas's scenes from childhood

David Robinson

Children/Myl Folk (aa) Academy Cinema Three...

Douglas's My Childhood My Ain Folk (the first two of a trilogy of which the first is now in production) is...



Stephen Archibald

of remembering and the frenzy of creation. The fact is not, I think, in any way irrelevant to the final effect of the film. More than...

wish a few variations, things that actually happened to me. This is not a dreamlike film composed of languid memories...

in school, with the bed of the greyhound that alone can seduce kindness from Granny. He even pees in the milk in a moment of terror-inspired guile...

slopes a maudlin kiss upon him. Even this is something: "Make me Granny drunk every night", he prays, in one of his few verbal utterances.

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Hoffmann without the romance

John Higgins

Rolf Liebermann has promised a fresh look at the French repertoire for the Paris Opéra. And in the first of three native works announced for this season, Les Contes d'Hoffmann...

For him Hoffmann is a drunk, a weakling, a loser, a Nicolas Gedda staggers into Luther's cellar, which looks rather like a turn of the century brasserie...



End of a storyteller: Nicolai Gedda and Michel Philippe

Gedda has become one of our chameleon tenors. He is quite capable of shedding 20 years to play Alfonsio in Memnon, but in Paris the face has become raddled and the eyes have sunk...

But Chereau promised nothing in the programme synopsis: "Une ville. Au fond, une eau praticable aux bateaux..."

Richard Peduzzi has produced a ravishing single set for the three acts. On the right is a substantial house with a brilliant white portico...

dolls or simply picking up a waterfront tart for the night. Hoffmann aspires to the big house, but he never makes it. The singers are at intervals lit by the camera...

black coat, top hat, black gloves and, incongruously, a mass of chestnut hair falling over his shoulders. Mr Krause is asked to play a melodramatic messenger of death...

The Ferrandis was Neil Jenkins, sometimes nasal in tone but singing clearly and quite eloquently in "Tradito, schernito..."

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GATE... THEY ALL AGREE... FEAR EATS THE SOUL

A.A. MILLER'S WINNIE THE POOH... Phoenix Theatre

Così fan tutte

Congress, Eastbourne

Stanley Sadie

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The concert by Earl Hines, which Miles Kingston mentioned on this page on Tuesday, will take place at the Central Hall, Westminster, on November 27, not at the South Bank.

Alexander Goehr's new work

Bernard Haitink and the London Philharmonic Orchestra will give the first performance of Alexander Goehr's Metamorphosis/Dance, a 25-minute work commissioned by the orchestra, at the Festival Hall on Sunday, November 17.

Derbyshire

England is remarkable for the variety of scenery it offers within a small space, and it would be hard to find a better illustration of this quality than Derbyshire.

Included in its 1,000 sq miles is the southern end of the Pennines so that, travelling north, you pass from the gently rolling countryside of the Vale of Trent to the awe-inspiring moorland of the High Peak. Lying right in the middle of England, as far from Southampton as from the Cheviots, from Mersey to the Wash, it needs only a coastline to complete the picture.

Southern Derbyshire, with its hedges, oak trees and brick houses, is a continuation of the Midlands landscape found in Staffordshire and Leicestershire. The east contains the M1 motorway and the coal measures of the Erewash and Rother valleys. It is an area of slagheaps and splendid historic buildings in varying state of preservation. Travelling northwest from Derby the road climbs on to a plateau ribbed by dry, limestone walls which have an extraordinary luminosity in dull weather. To the west Dovedale forms the boundary with Staffordshire.

In the direction of Matlock the road descends into a magnificent valley towards Wirksworth and then passes through a gorge in which Matlock Bats nestles like a continental watering place. The north of the county is bounded on the east by the "pristone edges", low cliffs which form the parapet to towering valley walls and are much used by climbers. To the west, Hope Valley and Edale are the prelude to the climax of the Derbyshire landscape, the heights of Kinder Scout and Bleaklow. This is a virtual wilderness, a haven for those who want to get away from it all, yet, paradoxically, within 20 miles of Sheffield.

The administrative headquarters of Derbyshire are at Matlock. The county council moved there from Derby in 1958 to be in the geographical centre of its territory. Mr Harry Crossley, formerly clerk and now chief executive of the council, said a town like Glossop in the High Peak district, tended to think of Derby as foreign country. The reorganization of local government in England and Wales appears to have caused little trouble in Derbyshire. The New Derby-

did the preliminary work on the advanced passenger train, which employs a tilting body to achieve higher speeds on curves and is due to enter commercial service in 1978. Among its current projects are magnetic suspension as a form of transport and the sodium sulphur cell as a unit for storing energy.

Work on the advanced passenger train has now passed to the Chief Mechanical and Electrical Engineer. He also designed the high-speed train, which can reach 200 lph (125 mph) and should be operating between Paddington and Bristol by the end of 1975. Other projects for which he is responsible include the 7EP experimental commuter train, which Southern Region introduced last year, and the rolling stock for the Channel tunnel.

The works at Litchurch Lane, across the road from the technical centre, have been building air-conditioned Inter-City carriages since 1970.

Finally, Derbyshire is famous for its great families and the houses which they built, above all those of the Cavendish, Manners and Curzon families.

Bess of Hardwick married Sir William Cavendish in 1547 and built Hardwick Hall, on the eastern edge of the county, when she was in her 70s. Her youngest son, William, rebuilt Boisover Castle, a few miles to the north, and her great-great grandson, who was created first Duke of Devonshire in 1694, erected the main block at Chatsworth.

This house contains one of the greatest collections of Old Master drawings in the country, including superb examples by Rembrandt, Raphael, Rubens and Van Dyck, and a magnificent library. It is hardly surprising, therefore, that the proposed tax on the ownership of wealth has caused concern there.

Mr Thomas Wragg, Keeper of the Devonshire Collections, said that apart from the financial implications the application of such a tax to a collection like Chatsworth's would produce "practically insurmountable problems" if the owner was to be responsible for producing lists and valuations. Moreover, the application of such a tax was bound to affect prices and render any existing valuations obsolete. The only principle which would be "at all fair" to long-established collections would be to make the tax payable only after the sale of important works.

However, the Green Paper published in August suggests that special arrangements will be made for art treasures which are available to the public. Mr Wragg said that Chatsworth had a long tradition of this kind. A public road was built through the park in the eighteenth century and by the 1840s 7,000 or 8,000 people were visiting the house on public holidays. Today Chatsworth receives 250,000 people a year, its drawings and books are more easily available than those in the British Museum, and it is constantly lending works for exhibitions.

A few miles from Chatsworth is Haddon Hall, a delightful medieval mansion built around a few courtyards above the Derbyshire Wye. Its origins go back to the eleventh century. In 1567 it passed from the Vernons to the Manners through the marriage of Dorothy Vernon to the Earl of Rutland. Their descendant, the ninth Duke of Rutland, thoroughly renovated Haddon in the early part of this century.

The Curzons have lived at Kilestone, a few miles north-west of Derby, for more than 800 years, but it was in the mid-eighteenth century that the present house, a classical masterpiece by James Paine and Robert Adam, was built for the first Countess. In the church near by is the sumptuous tomb of Marguerite Curzon, Vicereine of India and Foreign Secretary.

Although Derbyshire is known for these great estates, the average size of farms in the county is only 50 acres. Dairy farming predominates in the county, though there is a tendency to switch to beef, because of EEC inducements, the labour situation, and, as Mr George Johnson, county secretary of the National Farmers' Union, put it, "to avoid being tied to the cow's tail 14 times a week".

Like their colleagues in other parts of Britain the Derbyshire beef farmers have been suffering from the removal of the intervention price in March. The decision to pay an extra 7.7p on a gallon of milk has provided a lifeline to dairy farmers, according to Mr Johnson.

Prospects for the coming winter are disquieting. Because of extremely wet weather much of the straw, and even some hay, has not been baled. If the next months are severe it will be difficult for the farmer in north Derbyshire to provide sufficient fodder for his livestock.

Simon Scott Plummer

Industrial diversification still greatly needed

By Ronald Kershaw
Northern Industrial Correspondent

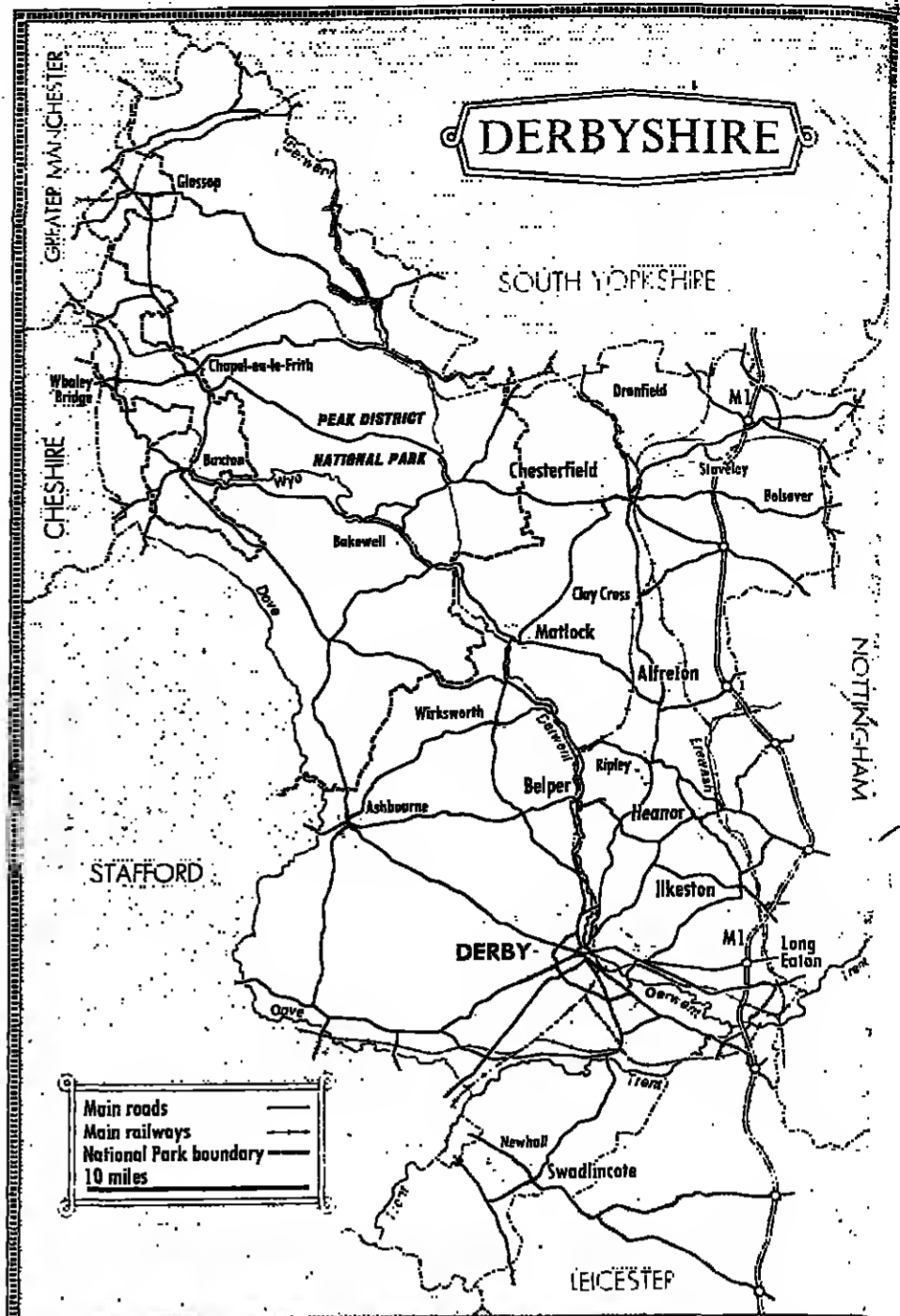
Since the collapse of Rolls-Royce, Derby's most famous company, in 1971, nobody has been more aware of the danger of overdependence on one industry than Derbyshire County Council. With local authority colleagues from over the border in Nottinghamshire and the Derby County Borough Council as it was then, it commissioned a sub-regional study by a team of its own experts to look at the ways and means of ensuring a prosperous future for the area and at the same time improving the quality of life there.

The most urgent and radical proposal of the study team was for the development of a growth zone between Mansfield and Alfreton. In common with many other areas of Britain, coal mining was declining and unemployment was increasing. The study team's date need for more jobs in the Erewash Valley. This could be achieved by the expanding existing industry and attracting new industry. It was visualized that the awarding of the necessary planning permissions, the population of 260,000 by 1986 and 350,000 by the end of this century.

Another major proposal was to expand Derby as a major centre of industrial technology and services to provide for the town's regulated growth to the south and west and to channel industrial expansion to the growth zone in the north-east. The study emphasized the importance of giving what was termed a "facelift" to the Erewash Valley.

It was reasoned that an improved environment, derelict land clearance, reduced air and water pollution, improved housing, schools, roads and town centres would all contribute to providing an area which combined the attractions of good communications and services for the incoming industrialist and a pleasant and convenient place to live in for his workforce.

Mr Trevor Nuttall, Derbyshire County Council's economic development officer, says with some degree of modesty that the Erewash operation now under way is turning out successfully and looks like continuing to do well. The time pointing out that the



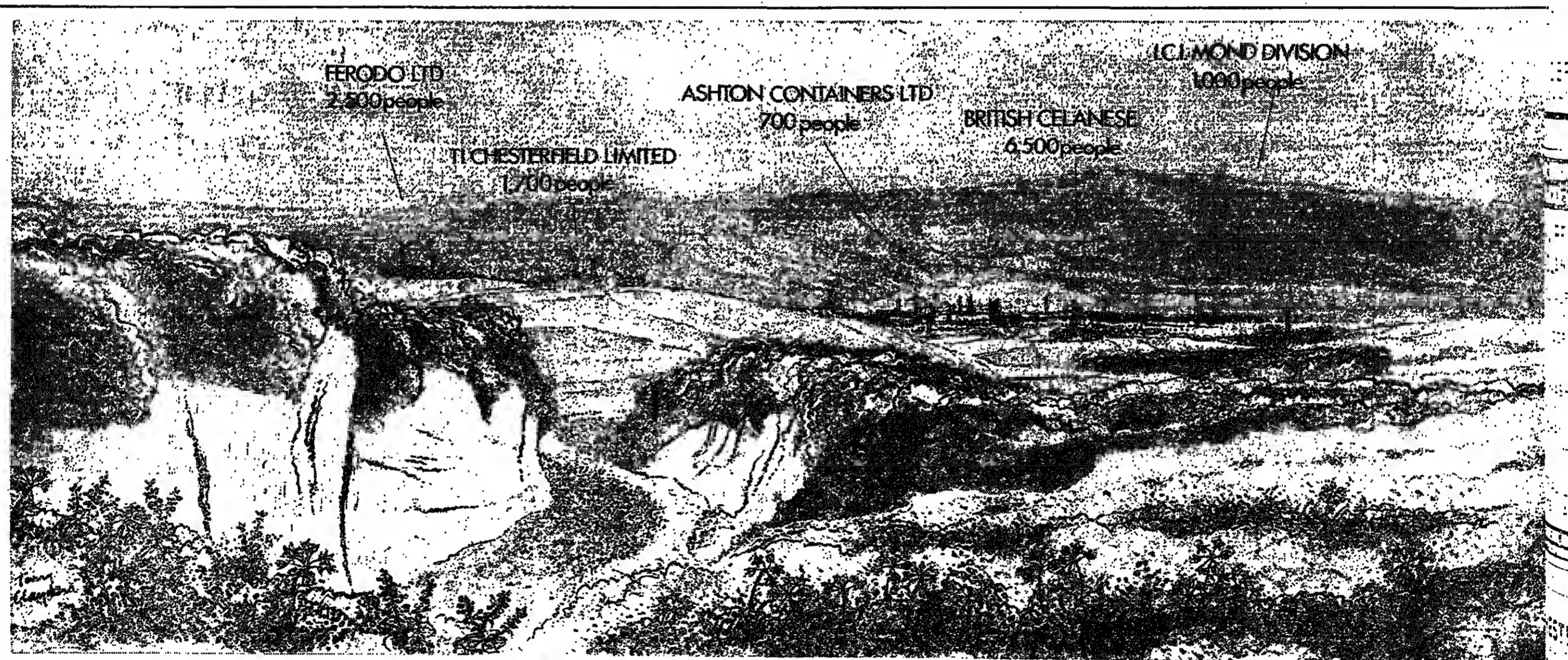
county council, he says, is thinking in terms of putting more emphasis on housing development, for example in the South Normanton area, and the county is preparing a large housing project of probably 1,000 houses. This would be an attempt to keep the development of housing and industry in line with each other. He said: "We do not want to have a situation where firms in the area find they have insufficient labour so we want housing and industry to go along in step."

An example of development in the South Normanton area is that of Filigree Textiles, a subsidiary of the Selincourt Group. It called its newly opened manufacturing and headquarters complex a confident "firm investment in British textile leadership". The complex is on a 10-acre site about half a mile from the M1. It includes a knitting plant, making-up department, warehouses and the company's administration offices.

Mr Ken Kirk, chairman and managing director of Filigree, paid tribute to the swift action of local and regional authorities in awarding the necessary planning permissions, the speed with which the contractors completed their work and the maintenance of production during the switchover from the company's old Nottingham premises to the new ones at South Normanton.

The most formidable task was the recruitment and training of 200 new workers. The church hall at South Normanton was converted into a training school and other parts of the country already enjoying numerous other economic ills; and that they were considerably worse off from all angles than many surrounding areas and other parts of the country already enjoying intermediate area status and the incentives and concessions to industrialists that went with it.

After years of fighting, Chesterfield and district won its new status in December and further units will be ready in February. Several substantial local companies have expressed interest in the development. In population terms some 43 per cent of the county of Derbyshire is now covered by areas with intermediate area status, according to Mr



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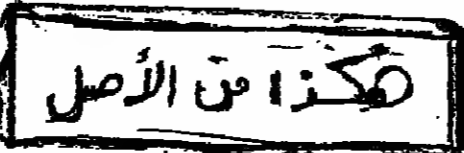
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neer work in blending educational and social needs

Hutchins, the old county lacked the resources of some of the southern counties but it had achieved a more than creditable reputation as a progressive authority, with full facilities for school buildings and for special education facilities in a variety of ways.

Derby borough, with a fairly big immigrant population, had done some fine pioneering work with an immigrant language centre which had not only successfully absorbed children from a number of overseas countries but provided valuable courses for parents as well.

This skill in remedying language deficiencies is likely to be of enormous value in the proposed special programme of nursery education, because children reared in a deprived environment are known to be handicapped in language development long before they arrive at school.

Equally valuable is Derby borough's progressive attitude to nursery education, better in the past than the county's, if only because the

provision of nursery schools in scattered rural communities is far more complicated and expensive than in compact urban areas.

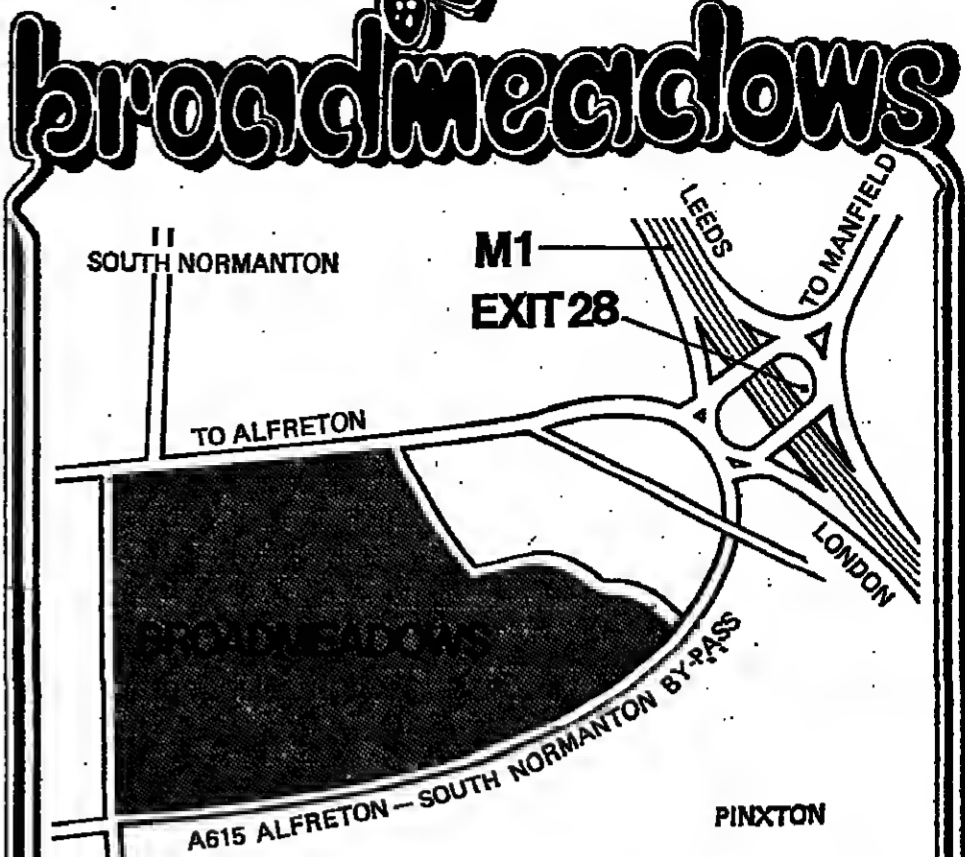
One of the biggest difficulties in providing nursery schools is the shortage of trained nursery teachers and nursery assistants at present Derbyshire has only one college of education, though it has submitted proposals for two new ones, at Derby and Matlock, to be established in the next seven years. But at two residential centres in Lea Green and Buxton there is intensive training for teachers and for those involved in the adult and youth services in the county.

Nursery schools are just one facet, albeit a most important one at the moment, of the whole complex structure of the county's educational programme, which includes further education, arts and agriculture training, secondary schools, and recreational facilities for young and old, special schools for the handicapped, training of the Outward Bound type at the White

Hall Open Pursuits Centre at Buxton, building of schools, expansion of higher education and a continuing improvement in the pupil-teacher ratio.

Mr Phillips emphasizes the importance that is being attached not only to pre-school education but to the whole problem of the home - parent - child - teacher relationship, particularly in relation to the handicapped. The old county did some pioneering work in the important area of diagnosis and assessment of handicapped children, and there are already a number of paraprofessional teachers visiting children in their homes, as well as a number of special units attached to primary schools.

"We are taking our responsibility in this matter very seriously", he says, "and we have several experiments going already in the shape of special units attached to junior and secondary schools. We submit schemes to help the sick and handicapped in their own homes by the installation of telephones, lifts, ramps, downstairs bath-



180 acres of good idea about to happen

Derbyshire is developing and Derbyshire County Council is inviting builders and developers to come and share in a major community development project at Broadmeadows in the Mansfield-Alfreton Growth Zone.

Broadmeadows will service established new industries. The location affords access to Nottingham Derby and Sheffield.

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ge towns and mining put pressure on trail-blazing national park

The county council provided the first chairman of the National Park. It was formed in 1950 and its first chairman was Mr. J. H. Phillips, who served until 1967. It is not difficult to see why the Peak District is a national park. First, it is an area of great natural beauty, outstanding as much for its variety as its dramatic qualities. Within Derbyshire alone there is desolate moorland, shale valleys and a limestone plateau cut by gorges.

The second reason for forming the park is the proximity of large urban areas—Manchester to the west, Leeds to the north,

Sheffield to the east, Skaokon-Trent, Derby, Nottingham and Birmingham to the south. It is estimated that 17 million people live within 50 miles of the park and that it had nearly that number of visitors last year. Without strict planning control such pressures would soon spoil the "lungs of the nation" industrial conglomeration.

As it is, the Peak Park Planning Board has difficulty in reconciling the demand for recreation and the needs of the local inhabitants. The board owns only about 2,000 acres of the park and for almost all must come to *modus vivendi* with the landowners.

It has negotiated access agreements for 76 sq miles lying on the Kinder Scout and Bleaklow plateaux and the gritstone edges. The public can walk or climb at will in these areas except for certain days during the grouse-shooting season.

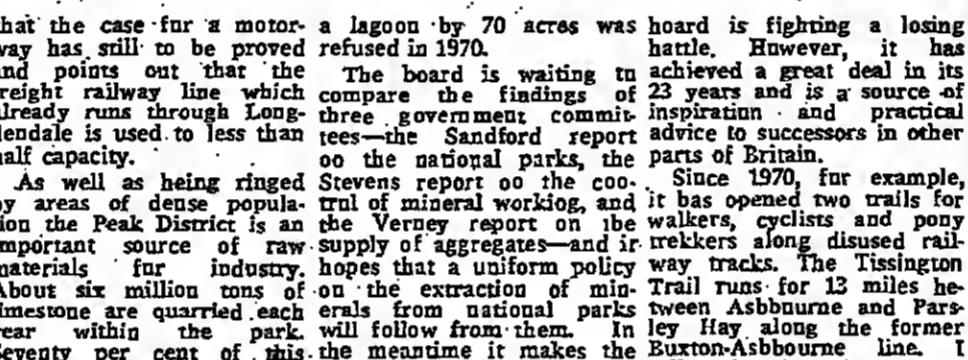
The proximity of large towns brings pressures for new housing in the park. The board opposes commuter development and is disturbed by its existence in Friggatt, Curbar, Grindleford and Hathersage, all villages within easy reach of Sheffield.

It is likewise cautious about allowing more reservoirs within the park. Sheffield and Manchester started to tap the Peak District more than 100 years ago and there are now 48 water supply reservoirs and three to feed canals.

Since 1951 the number of cars in the park has risen steadily. Their presence causes congestion, as in the village of Milldale at the head of Duvedale, and leads to erosion when their passengers all slip in one spot below a hillside and take the same path up to it. This has happened below Stansdale Edge and at the Winstan, a dry limestone valley near Castleton.

There is increasing demand for routes across the park from east to west. A proposal has been made to build a motorway between Manchester and Sheffield by way of Congdale. Mr. Harry Brunt, deputy director of the planning department, said the Government had made a feasibility study but had not yet shown it to the board. He feels

The country setting of Chatsworth, home of the Dukes of Devonshire, which lies within the national park.



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that the case for a motorway has still to be proved and points out that the freight railway line which runs through Longdendale is used to less than half capacity.

As well as being ringed by areas of dense population the Peak District is an important source of raw materials for industry. About six million tons of limestone are quarried each year within the park. Seventy per cent of this goes for aggregate, 20 per cent for cement production and the rest to the steel and chemical industries.

The board has recently turned down an application by ICI to extend a quarrying area near Buxton by about 270 acres in the Hope Valley. It gave permission to Associated Portland Cement to rebuild its works but in return the company surrendered various planning permissions to quarry further into the valley.

More than 200,000 tons of flint are taken from the park each year. This mineral occurs in limestone as a result of volcanic action and is used in steel making to remove impurities in molten metal.

The board points out that extraction is not simply a question of nuggets gashes in the landscape. There are also processing plants which scatter dust, heavy lorries to carry the stone, and, of course, the risk of land subsidence, and lagoons of tailings, the residue from washing flint. A request by Laporte Industries to extend

a lagoon by 70 acres was refused in 1970.

The board is waiting to compare the findings of three government reports—the Sandford report on the national parks, the Stevens report on the control of mineral working, and the Verney report on the supply of aggregates—and it hopes that a uniform policy on the extraction of minerals from national parks will follow from them. In the meantime it makes the point that unemployment is not severe in areas where quarrying takes place and that increased production does not bring more jobs because of the high level of automation.

It questions whether it is necessary to use so much high-quality limestone as an aggregate and points out that flint is a waste product which can be stabilized by chemical additives, albeit at a higher cost than the present method of disposal.

The Peak District Park is probably under stronger pressure than any of the other national parks as it is not surprising that the board should wish to extend its powers. In the latest annual report the board suggests that it should be given greater control over mineral extraction, agricultural building, afforestation, road improvements and extensions to existing buildings. It also proposes a review of its functions as regards walking trails, land use in general, housing and footpaths and bridges.

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Yet there is nothing in the history of Derbyshire cricket club which has always been by honest application, perseverance and teamwork, to suggest that this particular passage of arms will not be won and already there are hints of new confidence and determination.

It will, of course, take time. On paper, Derbyshire, with their capital in quietude, are already bankrupt. Other problems include a regular working deficit and a membership list of only a few more than 3,000, far smaller than it should be for Derbyshire's population and area. Tied in with this problem is the fact that Derbyshire do not own any of the grounds they play on. So they have always been restricted in the facilities they can offer members, or indeed any spectators.

One way and another, and remembering the poor playing performances, it is hardly surprising that recent months have brought the quota customary on these occasions of grumbling letters about the club's administration. There has also been talk of a petition to have the captain deposed, and at least one member has resigned in despair.

County cricket clubs keep themselves viable in a variety of ways and few of them have anything to do with gate money. Basically, it has been found essential that pavilion facilities should be used all the year

round, with full-scale catering and bar facilities the most important asset.

Derbyshire have therefore recently approached Chesterfield Corporation for a long lease on land at the delightful Queen's Park ground to build a new £150,000 pavilion-cum-sports centre. It is hoped that the new building will begin life within two years as the county's financial saviour, providing a venue for dinners, dances, meetings and other recreational activities 52 weeks a year. In the long term, the chances of creating something similar at Derby have not been ruled out entirely. Chesterfield, however, has bigger attendance figures. Sooner or later, one feels, the question of transferring Derbyshire's headquarters from Derby to Chesterfield will have to be faced.

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by Richard Streeton

Like every other county cricket club, Derbyshire are in the throes of adjusting to the demands of current cricket economics. The struggle has not been made any easier because Derbyshire, compared with most other counties, have been slow to appreciate the need for change; to recognize that a county club in the 1970s is a business, with all that the word implies in terms of efficiency and financial soundness.

It is inevitably a painful time in the club's history, with entrenched patterns of behaviour and outlook having to be changed. There is every likelihood of casualties in more than one sphere. The recent dismal playing record, too, with

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 7: His Excellency M. M. Medvedev, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: M. M. Medvedev, Chairman of the Council of Ministers, M. M. Medvedev, Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers, M. M. Medvedev, Secretary of the Council of Ministers, M. M. Medvedev, Secretary of the Council of Ministers, M. M. Medvedev, Secretary of the Council of Ministers, M. M. Medvedev, Secretary of the Council of Ministers.

CLARENCE HOUSE

November 7: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this morning visited the Duke of Edinburgh and Lord-Lieutenant of the County of the City of London, Mr Thomas Moore and Chairman of the Royal Preservation Society (the Earl of Dalhousie).

YORK HOUSE

November 7: The Duke and Duchess of Kent this morning attended the presentation of the Royal Fashion by the Clothing Export Council at the British Embassy in Bonn.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE, RICHMOND PARK

November 7: Princess Alexandra, President of the Children's Country Holidays Fund, was present today at the meeting of London and Country Helpers held at Carlton Hall.

Furniture prices higher than expected

After the uncertainties of the English furniture market a week ago, there were very encouraging signs in a sale of Continental furniture at Christie's yesterday.

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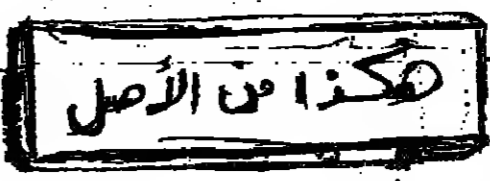
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Severe shortage of rail trucks holds up coal for power station

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Data service by brokers expanding in Europe

By John Willmore. At a time when the pressure is on the stockbroking community to cut back its costs, Hoare & Co. Govett, which itself announced 60 redundancies last March, is pushing ahead with an ambitious plan to promote its data-STREAM financial time-sharing system in Europe...

Shell seeks inflation accountability reform as income surges ahead

By Anthony Rowley. Royal Dutch/Shell, the Anglo-Dutch oil group, yesterday came out in favour of accounting reforms to prevent companies being taxed on unrealistic profits caused by inflation...

Close look at financial statements to be made

By John Plender. Financial Correspondent. A re-examination of the aims and scope of published financial statements is being undertaken by a working party of the professional accounting bodies...

Dupont offering of \$300m well received

By Frank Vogel. The offering of \$300 million in new bonds by Dupont & Nemours, a chemical company, in New York was well received...

Pay dispute settled at Chrysler

By R. W. Shaker. A long and troublesome pay dispute involving key toolroom workers at Chrysler's two Coventry car plants was settled yesterday...

Ever Ready cleared of abusing monopoly

By Maurice Corina. A Monopolies Commission recommendation that significant reductions should be made in the price of Mallory photographic batteries has been accepted by the Government...

Rights issue rumours unsettle markets

By Our Financial Staff. Share prices fell back yesterday when the London stock market was unsettled by rumours that a rights issue was being planned...

55pc decline in private house starts

By Patricia Tisdall. Only 7,000 new private houses were started in September compared with 18,000 in the same month last year, according to figures issued by the Department of the Environment...

Details given of how crisis hit WAB

By Christopher Wilkins. The extent of the crisis experienced during the summer by Western American Bank (WAB), one of the leading London-based consortium banks, has now become clear...

Bill provides for state takeovers of Scottish oil sites

Offshore oil production sites are to be taken into public ownership under the terms of the Offshore Petroleum Development (Scotland) Bill, published yesterday...

INTERIM STATEMENT

Table with columns for Six months, Six months, Year ended. Rows include Revenue, Administration and interest charges, Taxation, etc.

Bonn may decide on Herstatt

Cologne, Nov 7.—Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, said that the Bonn government might have to intervene in a satisfactory arrangement for compensating creditors of Bankhaus ID Herstatt was not reached...

Mr Benn guide to NVT workers

Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, is to visit the Norton Villiers Triumph plant at Small Heath, Birmingham, today to explain to employees how the workers' co-operative at the former Triumph factory at near-by Meriden will operate...

How the markets moved

Table showing market movements for Rises, Falls, Commodities, and Equities.

THE POUND

Table showing exchange rates for various countries like Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, etc.

Interim Statements

Table listing interim statements for various companies like Compagnie Francaise des Petroles, Debenhams, etc.

Head Wrightson half year report. Includes financial data and a detailed text report on the company's performance and future prospects.

RHA calls for more than 20pc on charges

By David Young
Members of the Road Haulage Association have been told by their vice-chairman that many face bankruptcy unless there is an increase in haulage rates by well over 20 per cent.

Shipbuilders demand interim policy pending nationalization

By Peter Hill
The Government has been urged to adopt an interim policy which will provide Britain's shipbuilding industry with maximum flexibility in advance of legislation...

Backlog of patents applications is new fear

A mountain of unexamined patent applications may arise if proposals put forward in a working party now engaged in organizing the future European Patent Office is adopted.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Controversy over stock appreciation

From Mr P. M. D. Gibbs
Sir, At the risk of getting caught in the cross-fire between London and Cambridge I venture to enter the controversy about stock appreciation...

Kuwait could increase oil royalties if reductions on posted prices agreed

A drop in the posted price of crude oil would not affect the Kuwait government's oil revenues, because royalties could be increased to make good the difference...

Bank economist sounds warning against reflation

A warning was sounded by Mr William Manser, a leading economist, yesterday that this would be the worst time in the past 30 years for the Government to reflate the economy.

BSC warns strikers of threat to 9,000 jobs

By R. W. Shakespeare
Northern Industrial Correspondent
The 1,600 craftsmen whose strike has caused the shutdown of all steelmaking operations at the British Steel Corporation's E22m plant at Llanwern, near Newport, South Wales, are warned today that they are likely to see their jobs at risk...

Key meetings next week on Yorkshire canal project

Crucial meeting will take place next week between officials of the British Waterways Board and the Department of the Environment which will determine whether or not the Government will provide £3m to support the development of 15 miles of waterway in south Yorkshire.

Year-end Japanese trade gap of \$5,000m forecast

One of Japan's leading economic research institutes, the Japan Foreign Trade Council, predicted today that the country would wind up the current financial year with a deficit of \$5,000m (about £2,121m) in her trade balance...

Italy's inflation highest in EEC

Brussels, Nov 7.—Italian consumer prices rose 20.3 per cent in September compared with a year before—the highest inflation rate in the European Economic Community, according to statistics issued today by the EC commission.

Learning from Russia in alumina outp

When it occurred on a small scale in the nineteenth century, but the effective destruction of an important source of iron ore is now undesirable and also unnecessary since both aluminium and iron can be extracted from bauxite if current processing methods are changed.

W German jobs up 21pc in a month

Bonn, Nov 7.—West Germany's unemployed rose by nearly 21 per cent last month compared with September, according to figures published today.

Franklin Bank takeover agreed

Washington, Nov 7.—The Justice Department has indicated it would have no objection on anti-trust grounds to the acquisition of the Franklin National Bank of New York by the American Bank and Trust Company.

UK beer most heavily taxed

Beer in Britain is more heavily taxed than in most other European countries. A survey published yesterday in the Brewers' Society's official journal examines beer taxes in eight countries.

DOWDING & MILLS LIMITED
ANOTHER YEAR OF RECORD SALES & PROFITS
Group turnover including new acquisition rose by 41.2% and profits before tax by 30.4%.

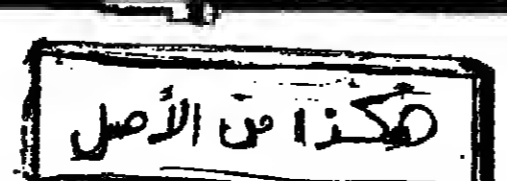
Shipping chief predicts cheaper oil

At the yard of A. G. Weser in Bremen yesterday (Thursday) Europe's largest tanker, the 386,000-ton Ioannis Colocotronis, took to the water amid perhaps more good wishes from the assembly company of international banking, shipping and oil men than has been usual on such occasions in recent years.

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TRAFFORD PARK ESTATES LIMITED
Extracts from the Accounts and the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. N. G. Westbrook, presented at the Annual General Meeting held in Manchester on 6th November, 1974.



BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Penalties of sales growth at Boots

In the immediate future the price of Boots is subject to the... price firmness indicates that the price is already discounting a number squeeze on European margins...

Debenhams Mixed views for 1975

Debenhams' comparatively firm share price during the past week or so was due to market hopes of a strong recovery in trading profits next year...

order of £700,000 for the third quarter. It is difficult to work up much enthusiasm for the final quarter...

Capital good Different stories

Process and storage plant makers can earn lots of money... if big contracts are costed properly and labour trouble avoided...

One of the most fundamental and least disputed principles in economics is that you cannot give someone goods which no one else has...

The trouble, of course, is that relaxing price controls, even if it encourages productivity, has effects on the distribution of income which are conventionally believed to be politically awkward...

Industry's pressing case for an easing of price controls

between companies, not between the company sector and individuals... The Government must have made similar calculations, not only because the sums have implications for the future level of prices...

three companies to see if they were abiding by the Price Code's provisions... The Government's real worry is quite different. The low levels of profitability are much impaired liquidity which have at least in part been caused by price controls...

ing on in prices all of the increase in costs caused by higher wages. The reasoning behind it is that companies would normally accomplish some productivity advance and that, therefore, it would be unduly generous to allow companies to raise prices by 10 per cent...

The CBI is thought to favour the inclusion of a fraction of investment expenditure in allowable costs. This avoids the problem of definition which always arises when new investment has to be separated from old investment...

Tim Congdon

Bidding for a change of attitude on meat marketing

Ever since control of FMC, now Britain's largest fresh meat wholesaler, first passed from the members of The NFU Development Trust...

inevitably be followed by the commercial elimination of yet another major meat wholesaler. The Development Trust accepts, however, that the changes which it proposes to make at FMC will do nothing whatsoever to ease the plight of livestock producers in the short term...

however, says that it not only could but would run FMC on a commercial footing, making sufficient profit to service the borrowings necessary to fund the acquisition and to provide finance for future expansion...

introduction of longer-term contracts will smooth out the worst effects of excesses in supply and demand. On the beneficial effects of an attempt to introduce longer term contracts the board of FMC will pass little comment...

"satisfactory" trading conditions. On the other hand, the forecast increase in the dividend from just over 13 to 30 per cent gross is backed up by good historical cover and a balance sheet which shows no undue strain on liquidity...

Adrienne Gleeson

Hoover And worse to come?

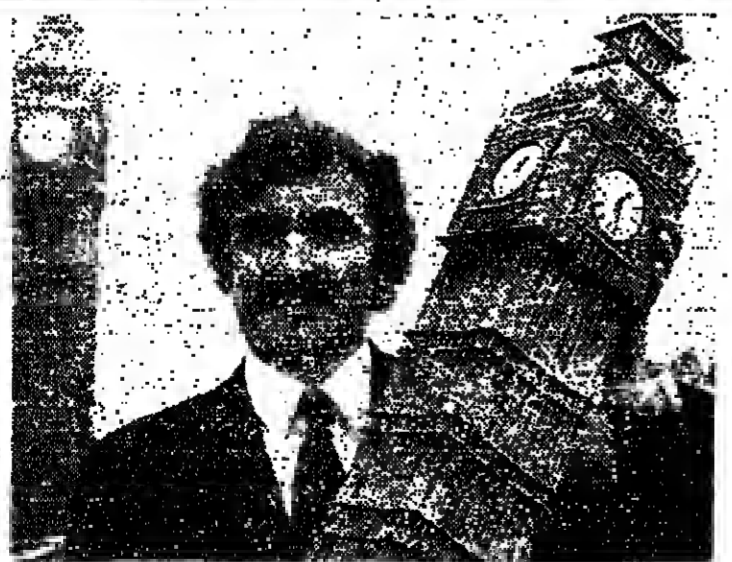
There must be few things capable of shocking this punch-drunk stockmarket, but Hoover managed it yesterday. A £4m dive in pre-tax profits for the third quarter was accompanied by the scratching of heads and the scraping of slide rules throughout the City's research units...

Hoover placed industrial disruption at the bottom of its list of culprits. Plant shutdowns at Cambuslang, Lanarkshire, and Merthyr, South Wales, only affected the final month of the third quarter, not long enough to inflict more than an estimated £500,000 loss to profits...

Copper Pipe Service is solid with work until next March at least, and Copper-Neil International is full-up for nearly two years. No signs of order book softening have been seen; the contracts are now provided with escalator clauses; and business is well spread over oil platforms, oil-storage tanks, and plant for the chemical, motor, gas and other industries...

Business Diary: The Dorchester McAlpines • Jensen's yen

Barstow, chairman of Development Securities Limited, says the company's earlier this year reporting of a 'regrettable' erosion of the firm's profits by increases in heads and maintenance costs exceeded the gross earnings, while a costly rebuilding programme was yet to affect the results of current year as well. But it is at hand, and it springs the very industry that is suffering this drain on the Dorchester's revenues...



Bryan Toye, chairman of Toye & Company, military regalia makers since 1885, who now becomes chairman of E. Dent & Company, official chromotamer makers to the Queen Victoria and the builders of Big Ben—the bigger Ben on the left, that is. The smaller Big Ben is a three-foot scale model made by Jack Inglis of Wimbledon...

Jensen Motors, is trying to put more steam into Jensen sales in Japan. Graves was one of the motor industry's first executives to draw attention to the difficulties of selling cars there. More than two years ago he campaigned for the then Department of Trade and Industry to investigate the many hidden obstacles facing European cars...

Shipyard line. Entertainer Roy Castle won a big laugh during his cabaret act at the biennial dinner of the Shipbuilders' and Repairers' National Association in London this week. Pumping up a set of bagpipes, Castle ordered that the air therein should now be enough to last Tony Benn for a fortnight. The joke apart, the official SRNA line is that the industry will seek to make public ownership work, and delegates due to meet Benn next week are approaching this confrontation with surprising equanimity...

The dinner, for example, is usually an informal affair, and whether the shipbuilders have either heard or made enough speeches in months past or are saving themselves for efforts to come, there was little speechifying on this occasion. This is traditionally the event to mark the swansong of the retiring SRNA president, in this case Tom McIver, chairman of Swan Hunter Group (£13.6m in grants since 1965), who was handing over to Ross Belch, managing director of Scott Lithgow (£9.4m in loans and grants).

McIver accordingly confined himself to a few words of welcome to the guest of honour, Lord Beswick, Minister of State for Industry, who was reciprocatingly brief in reply. Benn, the architect of the shipbuilders' and repairers' future, was not present, and although there were no speeches in which he and his works might figure, both were staples of the table talk. So was the question of who was to be the chairman (shipmen do not like the word chief executive) of Benn's proposed National Shipbuilding Corporation, the choice of whom is vital to the venture's success. Among the names that have so far cropped up are those of Danny McGarvey, the Boiler-makers' Society leader, and of Graham Day, the Canadian brought in to rescue Cammell-Laird from sinking. But that particular launching is some time off.

TOTAL Compagnie Française des Pétroles

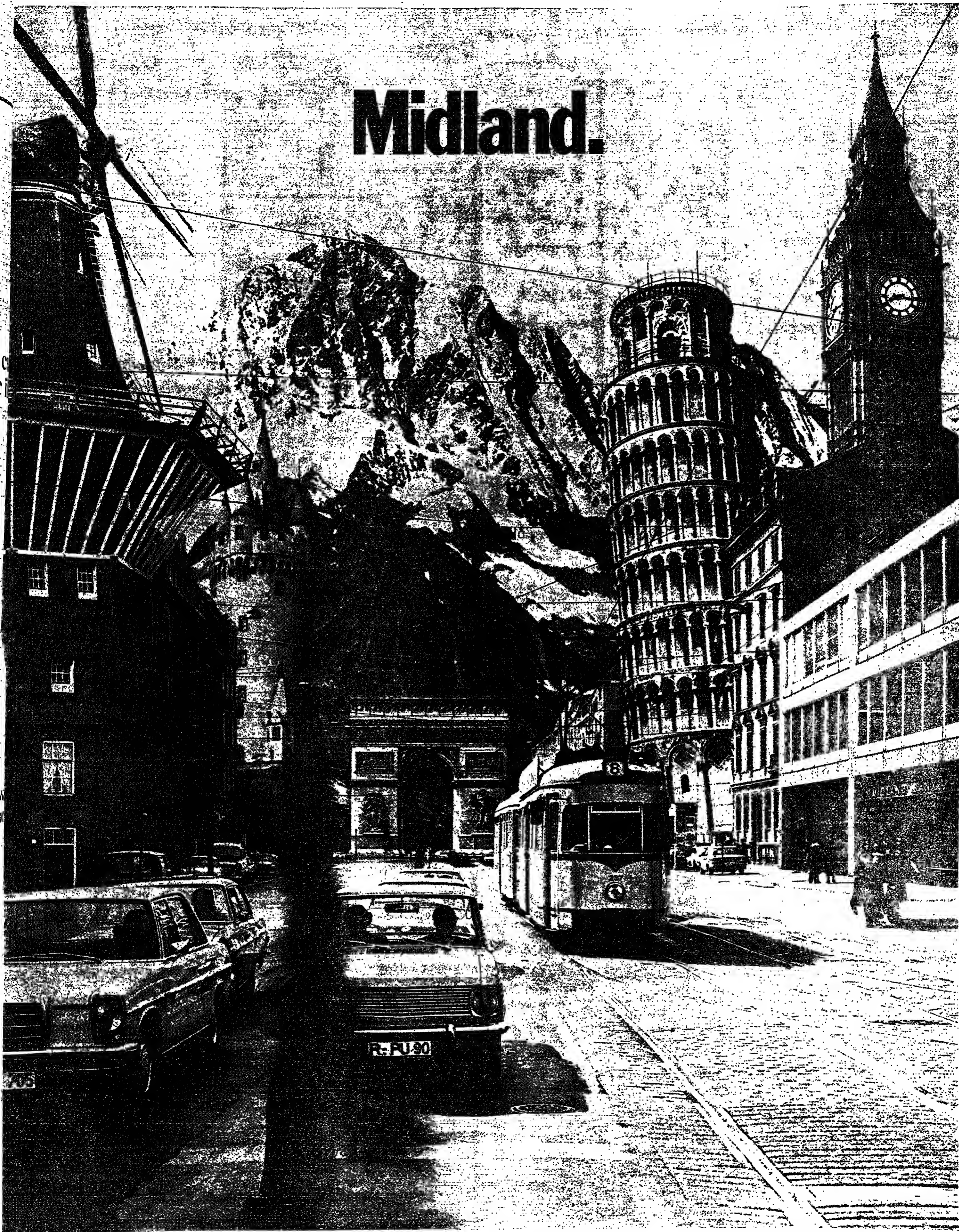
Table with columns for Interim Report and Six months to June 1974. Rows include Net turnover, Less: cost of crude, Group operating profit, Add: financial income, Less: financial charges, Income before taxes, Less: taxes paid, Income after taxes, Less: minority interests, Net income - CFP share, Cash flow, Net income, Amortization and provisions.

The evaluation of the Group's inventories on a weighted average cost price basis and the adjustments of product retail prices made after the first half of 1974 crude oil price increases reflected exceptional increases in cash flow and income. However, not taking into account an estimated 1,450 million francs increase, cash flow would be lowered to 1,175.2 million francs. Similarly, not considering an estimated 980 million francs increase, net income would be lowered to 256 million francs, including 339 million francs (CFP's share) and -83 million francs (minority interests).

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Wolseley-Hughes slide from crest as snags persist to the end

By Ashley Druker
The spread of factors harassing Wolseley-Hughes at mid-way, when profits went into reverse from £2.3m to £1.7m, appear to have held the upper hand through the full year.

crisis-causing costs to rise faster than selling prices—resulted in a midway decline. The preceding year, of course, was exceptional in that not only was there a high level of activity in new housing and home improvement, but also an inflow to the group of the pre-VAT spending spree, apart from the element of buying on fears of inflationary cost increases.

dropped from £2.3m to £1.58m, while earnings a share were flatlined at £1.36p, compared with 23.21p. The dividend however rises from 5.77p to 6.05p.

C. H. Bailey set to fight takeover of repair yard

In giving an unaudited estimate that profits last term rose from £26,000 to £1.15m pre-tax, Mr Christopher Bailey, chairman of C. H. Bailey, said the company would "fight all the way" government plans to nationalize Bristol Channel Ship Repairs.

United City Merchants climb to peak £1.8m

By David Mott
Faced with the difficult general economic situation and inflation United City Merchants continued its growth last year even though as usual the second half was considerably slower.

against an opening jump of 59 per cent. On the market the shares closed at 14p, down a point. Growth in all fields was internal. At home the timber agency division has taken advantage of the favourable situation in the international trade and the export division has increased substantially its worldwide overseas shipments.

Concentric recovery hangs fire

By Tony May
With the second half producing only £405,000, instead of the £500,000 hoped for by the board, at half time, Concentric has dropped back from last year's record pre-tax profit of £1,066,000 to £613,500—about £708,000 had been expected.

Chairmen report

Margins cut at Parker Timber

Trading for the first five months of the year at Parker Timber has been at an increased level of turnover but at reduced margins, Mr K. Whitty writes.

Mr Blake leaves CSG

SGS has acquired a stake of 56.5 per cent in Contractors Services Group and is to offer to acquire the balance. This price values CSG at £2.25m.

and recommended shareholders to accept. SGB's advisers Kleinwort Benson have arranged a medium-term loan to finance the purchase.

Aurora Holdings

The large increases in the cost of materials and supply difficulties, have led to large rises in stocks and debtors at Aurora Holdings (formerly Aurora Gear & Engineering) in spite of stringent management controls.

LMS rebound awaits 1975-76

Hopes of a return to full profitability in 1975-76 were held out to shareholders of London & Merchant Securities yesterday by Sir Max Rayne, chairman.

net current assets declined last year from £902,000 to £569,000, with the bank overdraft up from £23,000 to £376,000 and creditors from £10,000 to £314,000.

Lyndale hots up opening pace

Things were bounding apace at Lyndale Engineering after six months when profits already exceeded fourfold the comparable longer period.

MY Dart over £1m buoyant

Another buoyant return comes from MY Dart, and for a fourth successive year there are record profits.

Three similar situations applied, with the most important being Carlton Industries where LMS owns 73.6 per cent.

Share bargains sought by Hill Samuel Trust

Hill Samuel Unit Trust intends to take advantage of its cash reserves to buy shares at levels "which have not been seen for many years".

Park Yorkshire offer result

The takeover bid by Lubok Investments for up to 119m ordinary of Park Yorkshire Holdings has been accepted by holders of some 447,000 shares.

Inland Revenue joins speedy mail service

Inland Revenue has signed a deal with the Post Office which will ensure rapid delivery of mail between its central postal centre at New, London, and selected regional revenue offices.

Two takeover offers for Craig Tea

Two takeover offers have been received by Craig Tea Estates, whose quotation was cancelled in 1972.

Brit-Borneo Petrol

An interim payment up from 2.31p to 2.59p and profits before tax increased by £95,000 to £38,000 are reported by British-Borneo Petroleum Syndicate.

Problems continue for Selebi Pikwe

Botswana RST's 85 per cent owned Selebi-Pikwe nickel and copper project is continuing to meet severe and expensive technical problems. The costs are being borne by the major shareholders.

Rand Selection final dividend

Rand Selection is paying a final dividend of 40c a share compared with the 40c a share 37c made at the time of the merger with Schlesinger Insurance and Institutional Holdings.

M. Cotts Transport

Another record year has been enjoyed by the Mitchell Cotts Transport company, a 75 per cent controlled subsidiary of Mitchell Cotts Group.

Macallan-Glenlivet

After reporting a peak £450,000 pre-tax a month ago, Macallan-Glenlivet, malt whisky distillers, expects 1974-75 to be one of high production.

Sungei Besi earns and pays more

Sungei Besi Mines, the Selangor tin producer, has seen its net profits for the six months to end September soar from £104,000 to £360,000.

House of Sears loss

Heavy losses in the second half of its last term to June 30 plunged House of Sears into a deficit of £166,000 pre-tax. The balance sheet shows that

RMP profits double

Pre-tax profits of Rand Mines Properties virtually doubled last year—from £1.75m to £3.43m—while earnings advanced from 13c to 26.1c a share.

Whiteley upsurge

With the proviso that outside factors of the international economic scene could greatly influence the second-half, all seems set for another record year at B. S. & W. Whiteley.

ABERCORN GEN INV

Taxable profits of £276,000 (£261,000). Earnings 4.26p (6.54p) a share.

Stock markets

Rights issue speculation upsets the leaders

A combination of factors, ranging from the international to internal market scenes, undermined share prices yesterday.

at Shell were disclosed as soon as the market opened. The shares initially improved to 162p but second thoughts then set in, with the margin progress upset.

confidence bruised by strike the group's factories. At Hoover's "A" shares lost a further 5p.

Latest dividends

Table with columns: Company, Dividend, Yield, etc. Lists dividends for various companies like Airflow Steamships, C. H. Bailey, Boots, etc.

Briefly

CLEMENT CLARKE
Turnover for half year, £1.79m (£1.58m). Taxable profits, £202,000 (£224,000). Dividend 1.12p.

VOLVO QUOTATION

Share prices are to be listed in Düsseldorf, Frankfurt and Hamburg.

LMS-NEW RIVER

Merger not being referred to Monopolies Commission.

GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER

Sales £571m for quarter ended September 30—up 16 per cent. Net profit for quarter up 80.7 per cent to £22.7m.

MAYNARDS

All divisions have started year well but forecasting is difficult.

ALPINE HOLDINGS

Messrs A. Dyer, H. Singer and M. Stoller of Alpine have each sold 100,000 shares and their respective holdings are now 1.55m shares (15.51 per cent) in each.

NORTHBOROUGH INVESTMENT

Pre-tax loss of £87,363 for 12 months to April 30, compared with profit of £24,692. Turnover, £53,652 (£51,626.719). No dividends (1.25p gross).

JAMES WARREN

Board of Palmdulla is considering offers from company and will be in touch with shareholders soon.

BRITISH STEEL-LYFE

Acceptances of £6.5m offer for Lyfe Trading now total 95 per cent of equity, and offer now unconditional.

YORKSHIRE TAKEOVER

Monarch Machine Tool of Ohio, has acquired the capital of Dean Smith & Grace, of Kelghley, Yorks, manufacturers of keel lathes and founded in 1865.

AMBROSE INV

Interim pre-tax profits, £194,000 (£168,000). Net asset value a share, 21.35p (51.66p). Dividend, 7.5p (1.28p).

FARM FEED

As forecast no interim dividend but forecast that total will match last year's Sp. Profits of £62,000 (£91,000) pre-tax.

CONTINENTAL UNION

Pre-tax revenue for half year, £541,000 (£520,000). Net asset value a share, 57p (90p). Dividend, 0.84p (0.8p).

RACAL ELECTRONICS

For about £200,000, company has acquired BFL (Istratronics).

Further broki partnerships reorganized

The latest crop of dis partnerships and stock mergers includes the split up of Stock & Orme. Mes Orme and W. Haslam W withdrawing from the partnership and setting up an Or Co. Trading will start under name from December 9, to consist from the C. of the Stock Exchange, while the remaining part will continue business under name Stock & Co.

INTERIM STATEMENT

Debenhams Limited

Interim Results

The profit of the Group attributable to Ordinary Shareholders was £11,000 for the 28 weeks to 17th August, 1974, compared with £2,543,000 for the comparable period in 1973.

Table showing financial results for 28 weeks to 17th August 1974 and 28 weeks to 11th August 1973. Columns include Sales excluding VAT, Trading Profit before Interest, etc.

Notes
1. Corporation Tax has been calculated at 52% for the current half year, but at the average rate for the last financial year in respect of the comparative half year period in 1973.

In view of the deteriorating economic conditions at the beginning of the year, the Board decided that the maintenance of a good liquidity position was of primary importance.

In pursuance of this policy, a stock reduction programme was initiated which involved heavy markdowns and therefore inevitably had an adverse effect on the profits for the first half year.

The sale and leaseback of the Company's headquarters building at 1/2 Welbeck Street, for over £6 m, has already been announced and further negotiations are being pursued with a view to reducing still further the Company's short term indebtedness.

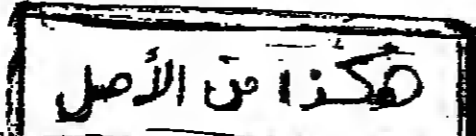
It is not practicable in current conditions to make a reliable forecast of the results of the Company's trading for the full financial year, but in the light of all the information which is at present available to them, the Directors have, as stated above, decided to maintain the interim dividend at 8 1/2%.



Mr D. Dodd, chairman of Concentric; metals and plastics divisions help to cushion effects of difficult year.



Sir Max Rayne, chairman of London & Merchant Securities; New River offer, if successful, would add about £2.5m to LMS liquidity in a full year.



FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Sugar sugar drops £50.50 a ton

Technical reaction saw... sugar drops £50.50 a ton... London daily...

Commodities

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was still a reluctance... market which was... same basic...

December also attracted... attracted... found...

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Early gains were wiped... cash was... 70...

Further... partners... 10,000...

Bank Base Rates... Barclays Bank... 12%...

Members of Accepting... deposits... 11%...

TANGANYIKA... SECTIONS LIMITED... OFFICE TO HOLDERS...

IT IS HEREBY GIVEN... the Interim Dividend... October...

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Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

Table of Eurobond prices with columns for country, denomination, and price. Includes entries for UK, France, Germany, etc.

Foreign Exchange

Foreign exchanges had quite a busy day yesterday... Dollar again weak...

Japanese copper smelters' plea for government aid

Tokyo, Nov 7.—Japanese copper smelters are urging the government to put up more than 100,000 yen...

Discount market

The Bank of England yesterday intervened to support the market in the discount market by buying Treasury bills...

Recent Issues

Table listing recent issues with columns for issue name, amount, and date.

Wall Street

New York, Nov 7.—Wall Street prices moved moderately higher early today. At noon the Dow Jones industrial average was 3200 up at 672.32.

NY silver up limit

New York, Nov 6.—COMEX SILVER futures closed up 25.00 in the spot month and the 30-day contract...

Large table of stock market data including company names, prices, and changes. Includes sections for American, Canadian, and Foreign stocks.

RAND SELECTION CORPORATION LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa) DECLARATION OF FINAL DIVIDEND NO. 115

Notice is hereby given that dividend No. 115 of 40 cents a share (1973: 35 cents) being the final dividend for the year ended 30th September, 1974, has been declared...

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

Table showing consolidated income statement for 1974 and 1973, including investment income, net operating income, and profit after tax.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

Table showing consolidated balance sheet for 1974 and 1973, including issued share capital, share premium, and retained earnings.

Money Market Rates

Table of money market rates including Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate, Treasury Bills, and Local Authority Bills.

The Times Share Indices

Table of share indices including the Times Share Index, FTSE 100, and various sector indices.

Spot Position of Sterling

Table showing the spot position of sterling, including forward rates and interest rates.

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By order of the Board For and on behalf of ANGLO AMERICAN CORPORATION OF SOUTH AFRICA, LIMITED London Secretary: E. Burrows

FINANCIAL NEWS

London & County is worse off than ever -£15m first-half loss

By Our Financial Staff

No interim report to depositors in London & County... worse off than ever... £15m first-half loss... London & County through its chain of in-store banking departments...

Overseas

Hesse bank overhaul

Frankfurt, Nov 7.—The Landesbank of Hesse (Halb) will make a series of constitutional changes from January 1 to divide more clearly administrative and executive functions...

Krupp sees steel market easing

Krupp, the German steel works, sees future prospects as unfavourable, with a declining sales volume, higher material costs and increased wage bills, reports Reuter from Bochum.

However, the interim report said its profits position in the first nine months of this year developed favourably.

The company said that sales hedges of the major German steel processors indicate that no optima in domestic demand can be expected short-term.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Table with multiple columns listing various financial units, insurance policies, and offshore funds with their respective values and details.

Appointments Vacant also on pages 29 and 30

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Applications are invited from qualified Chemists for vacancies in the Chemistry Branch of the Midlands Region Scientific Services Department.

Applicants should be Graduates and should have interests in the fields of Aqueous Corrosion and/or Electro-Chemistry, or Surface Chemistry, or General Water Chemistry and Water Treatment.

The successful candidates will be required to join teams working on (i) Corrosion/Surface Deposition problems in the boilers, turbines and condensers of modern power plant, and (ii) Problems in raw water treatment to very high purity and disposal of effluents and other waste materials.

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The posts are based on the new Regional Scientific Services Centre located on the Ratcliffe-on-Soar Power Station site about ten miles south west of Nottingham.

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Applications are invited to share practice of approximately 2,000 patients by the University of Manchester Family Practitioner Committee as principals.

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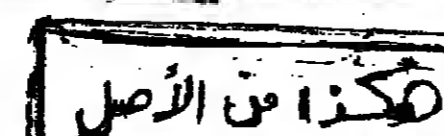
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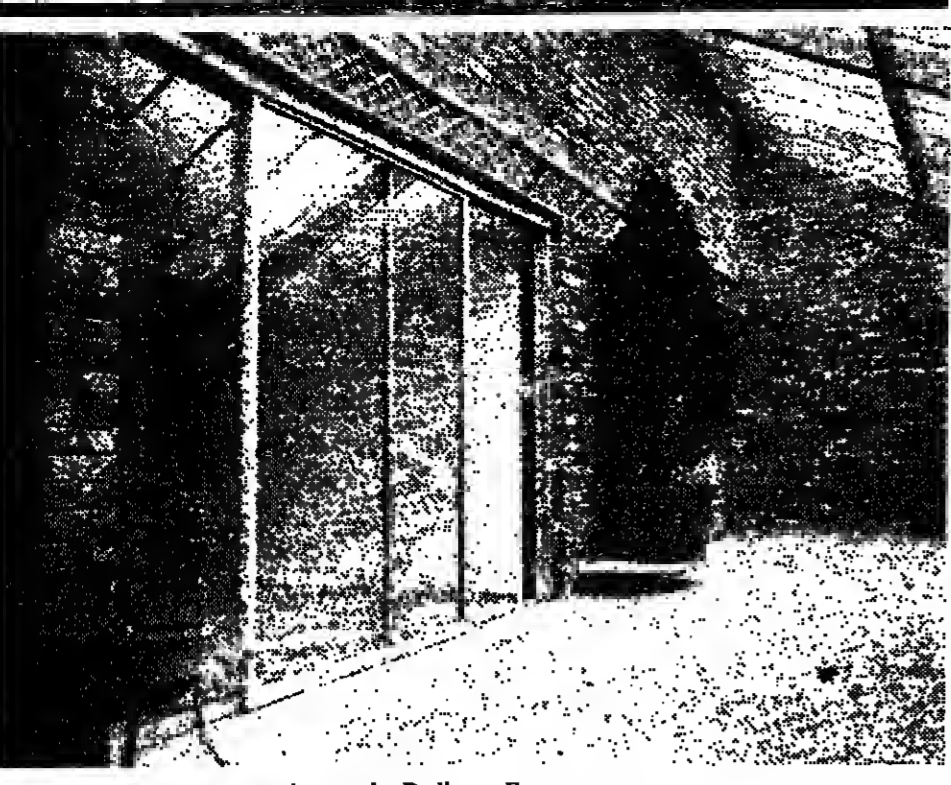
Stock Exchange Prices

Pre-Budget nerves

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began Oct 28. Dealings End Today. Contango Day, Nov 11. Settlement Day, Nov 19. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

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Main table of stock exchange prices with columns for various sectors: COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL, WEALTH AND FOREIGN, AUTHORITIES, GN STOCKS, S AND DISCOUNTS, WERIES AND DISTILLERIES, MINES, INSURANCE, INVESTMENT TRUSTS, OIL, PROPERTY, RUBBER, MISCELLANEOUS, SHIPPING, FINANCIAL TRUSTS.



Enclosed courtyard in new houses in Dedham, Essex.

How far are people prepared to break away from the traditional "two rooms downstairs and two upstairs" pattern...

Residential property

place for the traditional "cheerful blaze" when required. Old bricks and roof tiles with partial weatherboarding have been used in the construction...

TRANSFER BOOKS

BRITISH TRANSPORT STOCK TRANSFER BOOKS... THE EAST SURREY SHARE COMPANY INTERIM DIVIDENDS...

MISCELLANEOUS FINANCIAL

NORWEGIAN KODMUNALBANK THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY... U.S. \$10,000,000 5 1/2% 25 Year...

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The University of Manchester
LECTURER IN ARCHITECTURE
Applications invited for the post of Lecturer in Architecture...

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MANAGEMENT AND EXECUTIVE
WEST COUNTY Fishing Boat
Applications are invited for the post of Lecturer in Management and Executive...

INDUSTRIAL and Commercial
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PUBLIC NOTICE
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BRITISH RAILWAYS
Applications are invited for the post of Lecturer in British Railways...

ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE and CAREER DEVELOPMENT
Applications are invited for the post of Lecturer in Organizational Change and Career Development...

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